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BIG EAST BATTLE

HOYAS' SENIOR CLASS LOOKS TO GO OUT ON TOP | SPORTS WEEKEND



Gunman Kills 8 at Israeli Seminary

MASSACRE: Medical officials evacuate a wounded Israeli after a gunman opened fire Thursday at a seminary in Jerusalem. The attacker killed eight and wounded nine others before he was killed, officials said. It was the first major militant attack in Jerusalem in four years. In a statement, Hamas praised the shooting. ♦ **'Defining moment'**: Attack may muddy peace talks | **Page 5**

Dems Eye A Redo of Fla., Mich.

'Hellacious battle' looms over plan to count states' delegates

WASHINGTON | The former head of the Democratic National Committee said Thursday it was doubtful DNC Chairman Howard Dean would be able to get approval for a plan for do-over presidential nomination contests in Florida and Michigan.

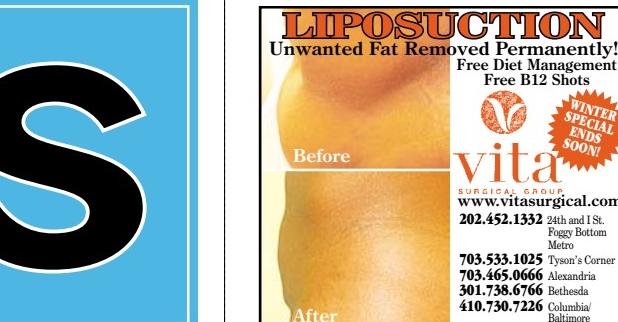
"It'll be a hellacious battle," said Don Fowler, a former DNC chairman who sits on the party's rule-making committee. Before the primaries started, "Howard Dean had enough votes to get most everything he wanted. Now that this thing has gone as far as it has and the lines have formed according to candidates, I'm not sure how that vote would shake out now," said Fowler, who has endorsed Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Dean has urged Florida and Michigan party officials to come up with plans to repeat their presidential nominating contests so their delegates can be counted.

"All they have to do is come before us with rules that fit into what they agreed to a year and a half ago, and then they'll be seated," Dean said. The two state parties will have to find the funds to pay for new contests without help from the national party, Dean said. JOAN LOWY (AP)



SHOULD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HOLD NEW PRIMARIES IN FLORIDA AND MICHIGAN? YES NO

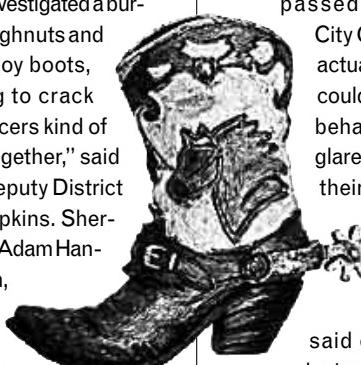


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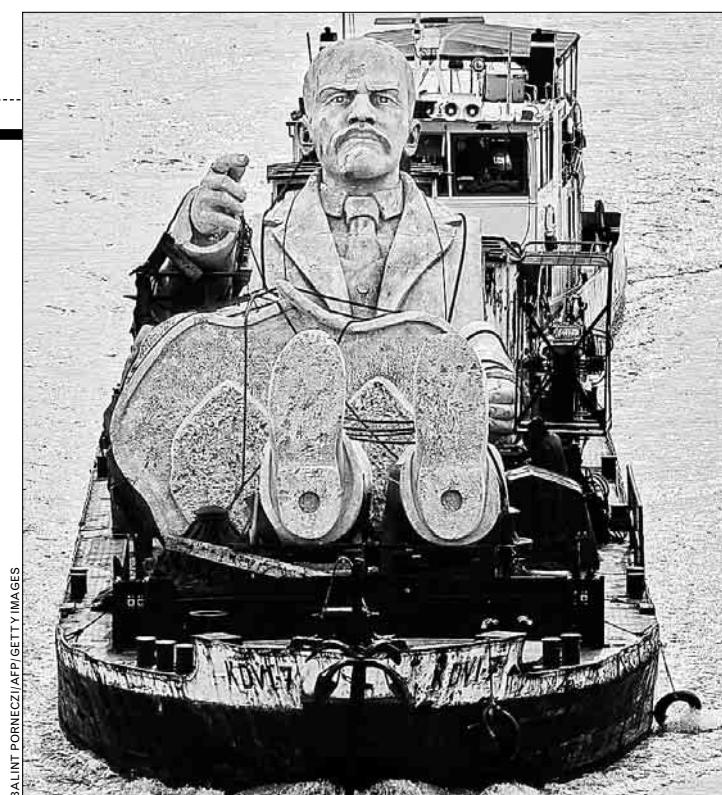
When two guys in cowboy garb offered the sheriff's deputies doughnuts, and then the deputies investigated a burglary involving doughnuts and the prints of cowboy boots, it didn't take long to crack the case. "The officers kind of put two and two together," said Roseburg, Ore., Deputy District Attorney Dave Hopkins. Sheriff's deputies found Adam Hancock and his cousin, Vincent Whitley, 19, in Roseburg on Jan. 11, and the pair offered the officers doughnuts. Shortly after, the officers investigated a burglary at a store from which cigarettes, candy, chewing gum and doughnuts were missing. And there were boot prints. (AP)



PROFLANITY

'Shoot' and 'Darn' Get Overtime Pay

South Pasadena, Calif., has become a cuss-free zone. The proclamation passed Wednesday by the City Council carries no actual punishment. But you could be shamed into better behavior by the unsettling glares of residents who take their reputation for civility seriously. "That's one of the purposes of this," Mayor Michael Cacciotti said of the proclamation, designating the first week of March as No Cussing Week. "It provides us a reminder to be more civil, to elevate the level of discourse." The proclamation will be in effect until Friday, and then it will be in effect the first week of every March hereafter. (AP)



BALINT PORNECZI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

STATUARY

Oh, Silly Lenin!

This giant statue of communist leader Vladimir Ilyich Lenin passed through Budapest this week as part of a film. Here is the awesome caption that came with the photo: "The floating of the statue is an allegory for the valediction of communism following the transformation of Hungary's political landscape." To us, however, it looks like Lenin fell backward into a beanbag chair and is extending a hand to be pulled up. (EXPRESS)

SQUEALING

Yelling at Kids Knows Not Death

George Helms of Talent, Ore., had tickets for last weekend's NASCAR race

at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway but died before he could use them. He still made it to the track, though: After his death, loved ones decided to try to fulfill his dream of participating in a NASCAR race and arranged for his

ashes to be driven around the track. Driver Mike Harmon taped Helms' urn to the fire extinguisher of his car during a practice. He told ESPN he could hear someone squealing when he went through a couple of turns. (AP)

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Nation

In Brief



The Vesey Street staircase in New York will be placed at the Sept. 11 memorial.

NEW YORK

Staircase That Survived Sept. 11 Attack to Be Moved

After years of debate over whether and how to preserve the structure, a staircase outside the Twin Towers that survived the Sept. 11 attack will be moved this weekend for the first time. The staircase — which is the only above-ground remnant of the World Trade Center complex, will be moved about 200 feet west on the site to be stored until it can be installed at the Sept. 11 memorial. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Senate Advances Bill to Put Cameras in Federal Courts

A bill to permit cameras in federal courtrooms advanced Thursday with the endorsement of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill would authorize the presiding judge, or a panel of judges of a federal appellate and district courts, to permit cameras to record the proceedings, except in certain circumstances. It also includes the Supreme Court. (AP)

Obama Breaks Fundraising Record

Illinois senator raises \$55 million in Feb., topping Clinton's total

WASHINGTON | Democratic Sen. Barack Obama raised a record \$55 million in February for his presidential campaign, eclipsing Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's own substantial fundraising for the month. All told, Obama has raised \$193 million during his yearlong bid for the White House.

The campaign's announcement Thursday came two days after Obama lost three of four primaries to Clinton. Her victories stopped his winning streak and extended the race into an unpredictable future.

Obama's February total was his second fundraising record. He raised \$36 million in January, more than any other presidential candidate who has ever been in a contested primary. His combined January

and February totals nearly matched what he raised last year.

"That's a humbling achievement, and I am very grateful for your support," Obama said in another fundraising appeal. "No campaign has ever raised this much in a single month in the history of presidential primaries. But more important than the total is how we did it — more than 90 percent of donations were \$100 or less."

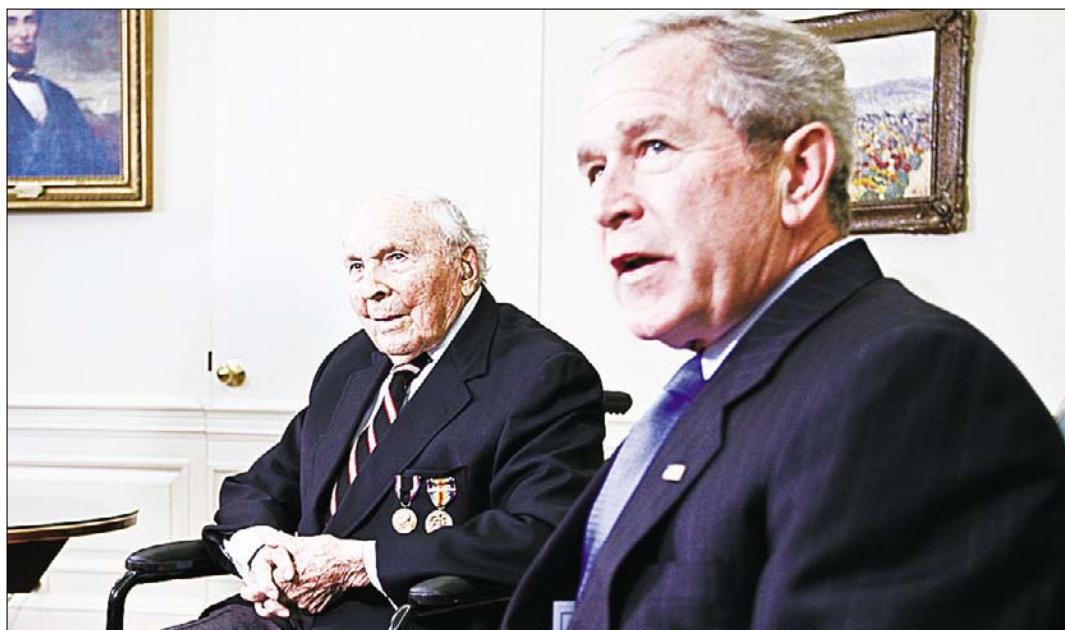
Riding her victory wave, Clinton's camp said Thursday that she

raised \$4 million online since Tuesday's primary successes.

With the outcome of their race uncertain, both campaigns are eagerly raising money for upcoming contests. The biggest one ahead is the April 22 primary in Pennsylvania, a state that can consume advertising dollars.

Political advertising analyst Evan Tracey said a typical political ad buy in Pennsylvania would cost about half a million dollars per week. JIM KUHNHENN (AP)

WASHINGTON | WORLD WAR I VETERAN



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

LIVING HISTORY: Veteran Army Cpl. Frank Woodruff Buckles, 107, from Charles Town, W.Va., meets with President Bush on Thursday in the Oval Office of the White House. Buckles is the oldest living veteran of World War I who was born in the United States. "Mr. Buckles has a vivid recollection of historic times," Bush said after meeting him.

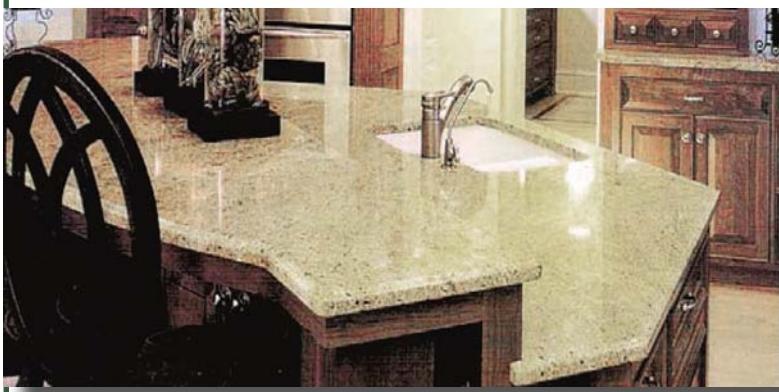
Google Earth Is Banned From Military Bases

WASHINGTON | The Pentagon has banned Google Earth teams from making detailed street-level video maps of U.S. military bases.

A message sent to all Defense Department bases and installations across the country late last week told officials to not allow the popular mapping Web site to take panoramic views inside the facilities.

Michael Kucharek, spokesman for U.S. Northern Command, said the decision was made after crews were allowed access to at least one base. He said military officials were concerned that allowing the 360-degree, street-level video could provide sensitive information to potential adversaries. (AP)

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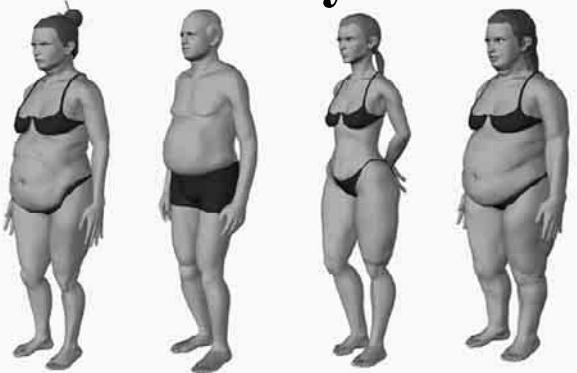
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The Grand Canyon's age, in millions of years, according to a University of New Mexico research team. Other scientists have long contended the canyon is 5 million to 6 million years old.



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This photo from a private security camera shows an explosion at the Times Square military recruiting station on Thursday.

Letter Declares 'We Did It'

Police probe note sent to Capitol Hill with N.Y.C. bomb site photo

WASHINGTON | Police are investigating letters that arrived Thursday at Capitol Hill offices containing a photo of the Times Square military recruiting office before it was bombed and including the words "We did it."

A law enforcement official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the letter's contents and said police are investigating.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of an e-mail from the office of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., to other lawmakers:



Officers inspect damage from an explosion at the N.Y.C. recruitment center.
DAVID KARP/AP

"A few offices on the House side have received a letter today addressed to 'Members of Congress' with a picture of a man standing in front of the Times Square recruiting station that was bombed in New York today with the statement 'We did it.' He is standing in front of it with his arms spread out and he's attached his political manifesto."

The small bomb caused minor damage to the New York military recruiting station before dawn Thursday, and police were searching for a hooded bicyclist seen on a surveillance video peddling away.

No one was hurt, but Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the device could have caused "injury and even death." (AP)

HEARSAY | TRAIL TALK Saturn's Moon May Have Rings

PASADENA, CALIF. | New observations by a spacecraft suggest Saturn's second-largest moon may be surrounded by rings.

If confirmed, it would be the first time a ring system has been found around a moon.

The international Cassini space-craft detected what appeared to

be a large debris disk around the 950-mile-wide moon Rhea during a flyby in 2005.

The finding was described in a study published in the March 7 issue of the journal Science.

Unlike the rings around Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune, the apparent arcs around Rhea remain invisible and have not been directly seen. Scientists inferred their existence based on measurements by Cassini. (AP)

"I, for one, do not believe that imitating Ken Starr is the way to win a Democratic primary election for president."

—HOWARD WOLFSON, SPOKESMAN FOR SEN. HILLARY CLINTON, ON SEN. BARACK OBAMA'S STATEMENT THAT HE PLANS TO BE MORE CRITICAL OF CLINTON'S RECORD.



NO RECORD FOR SPEED: The world's tallest skyscraper under construction in Dubai will take longer than planned to finish, its builders said Wednesday, putting off the opening planned for the end of 2008 until sometime in 2009. The Burj Dubai tower is currently more than 1,700 feet tall.

World

8 Killed at Seminary in Jerusalem

Gunman attacks group in the school's library before being slain

JERUSALEM | A gunman entered the library of a rabbinical seminary and opened fire on a nighttime study session Thursday, killing eight people and wounding nine before he was slain, police and rescue workers said. It was the first major militant attack in Jerusalem in more than four years.

Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip praised the operation in a

statement, and thousands of Palestinians took to the streets of Gaza to celebrate.

The day's violence, which also included a deadly ambush of an army patrol near Israel's border with Gaza, was likely to complicate attempts by Egypt to arrange a truce between Israel and Palestinian militants. The U.S. is backing the Egyptian effort.

Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev and moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas condemned the shooting. But Regev said the Palestinian gov-



Palestinians celebrate after a man killed eight at an Israeli seminary Thursday.

ernment must take steps against the extremists — not just denounce their attacks.

"Tonight's massacre in Jerusalem is a defining moment," he told The Associated Press. "It is clear that those people celebrating this bloodshed have shown themselves to be not only the enemies of Israel but of all of humanity."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who only on Wednesday persuaded Abbas to return to peace talks with Israel, called the attack an "act of terror and depravity."

ARON HELLER (AP)

Baghdad Explosions Kill Dozens

At least 53 slain in back-to-back blasts in shopping district

BAGHDAD | Two bombs went off within minutes of each other in a crowded shopping district in the capital Thursday, killing at least 53 people and wounding 130.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility. But back-to-back bombings — designed to maximize carnage — became the hallmark of attacks on civilians by al-Qaeda in Iraq during the worst of the violence in Baghdad in 2006.

Like in previous such attacks, the tactic seeks to draw in people with the first blast — especially security and medical workers — before a second bomb detonates.

Iraqis were enjoying a pleasant evening when a roadside bomb hidden under a vendor stall detonated in a primarily Shiite, middle-class neighborhood of Baghdad.

Five minutes later, a suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt detonated, a municipality official told the state-run Al-Iraqiya TV.

Many of the victims were teens or young adults, police and officials said. ANNA JOHNSON (AP)

AMSTERDAM | WOMEN DASH FOR CASH



RICK NIEDERTIG/AP/GTY IMAGES

WELL-HEELED: Women race in the Glamour Stiletto Run Thursday in Amsterdam. Competitors in the third annual event ran about 2/10 mile in heels that were least 3 1/2 inches tall. The winner received a \$15,000 shopping spree.

Nicaragua Ends Ties With Colombia

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA | President Daniel Ortega announced Thursday that Nicaragua is breaking relations with Colombia because of its raid on a guerrilla base in Ecuador.

Ortega announced his decision while sitting beside Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa, who is touring the region to rally opposi-

tion to the attack on Saturday, which killed a Colombian guerrilla leader and more than 20 others.

"We are breaking off relations because of the political terrorism being carried out by the government of [Colombian president] Alvaro Uribe, not because of the Colombian people," Ortega said. (AP)

HEARSAY | LATIN AMERICAN CRISIS



"What does one do when bandits are shooting from the other side and the government doesn't do anything? It's my job to defend 43 million Colombians."

— ALVARO URIBE, COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT, ON COLOMBIA'S SATURDAY RAID ON REBELS IN ECUADOR, IN COMMENTS WEDNESDAY.

In Brief

NAIROBI, KENYA

President Urges Lawmakers To Approve Power-Sharing

President Mwai Kibaki urged lawmakers to pass the laws needed to enforce the country's new power-sharing agreement as Parliament convened Thursday for the first time since the deal was reached. The agreement calls for Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga to share power after both sides claimed victory in the Dec. 27 presidential election. "I urge honorable members to ensure that all the necessary bills to implement the accord ... are dealt with promptly," Kibaki said. (AP)

SRINAGAR, INDIA

Indian-Kashmir Officials Plan to Kill Stray Dogs

Officials in Indian-Kashmir have poisoned hundreds of dogs and aim to kill all 100,000 strays in the region's main city, saying the animals pose a risk to humans and make urban life unbearable. With the world's highest rabies fatality rate, India has long struggled to control its millions of stray dogs. Animal rights activists vowed Thursday to go to court to stop the slaughter. (AP)

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

Dutch Government Raises National Threat Level

The Dutch government raised the national threat level Thursday because of what it said was greater activity in Europe by professional terrorists from Afghanistan and Pakistan. A counterterrorism official said the nation was a more likely target after a legislator planned to release a film harshly critical of the Quran. The alert rose to "substantial," the second-highest of four possible levels. (AP)

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—Yulia Tymoshenko, Ukrainian prime minister, Thursday, at a Brussels conference ahead of Saturday's International Women's Day.



World

Thailand Nabs 'Merchant of Death'

Russian allegedly planned to smuggle guns to Colombians

BANGKOK, THAILAND | A Russian dubbed the "Merchant of Death" for allegedly supplying weapons to Africa's bloody conflicts over power and diamonds was arrested Thursday in Thailand on suspicion of conspiring to smuggle guns to Colombia's leftist rebels.

Viktor Bout, 41, whose dealings reportedly inspired a 2005 movie about the illicit arms trade, was arrested at U.S. request in his hotel room in Bangkok, said police Lt. Gen. Pongpat Chayapan. Bout had eluded arrest for years and was finally seized after a four-month sting organized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.



Security officers escort Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout in Bangkok on Thursday. Bout was arrested for allegedly conspiring to smuggle guns to Colombian rebels.

In New York, federal authorities unsealed a criminal complaint charging that Bout conspired to sell millions of dollars worth of weap-

ons, including 100 surface-to-air missiles and armor-piercing rockets, to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

The leftist group, which has been fighting Colombia's government for decades, is listed by the U.S. as a terror group. Bout and an associate, Andrew Smulian, were charged with "conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization." Thai police Col. Petcharat Sengchai said Smulian was still being sought.

Bout, who has never been prosecuted for arms selling despite investigations in several countries, has always denied being involved in illicit deals. The paunchy businessman was shown briefly by Thai police to reporters; he stared blankly and made no comment.

Bout's arrest "marks the end of the reign of one of the world's most wanted arms traffickers," U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia said. MICHAEL CASEY (AP)

U.K. Report Calls Gaza Situation Worst Since '67

JERUSALEM | A coalition of eight British-based human rights organizations on Thursday released a scathing report claiming that the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip is at its worst point since Israel captured the territory in 1967.

80%

The percentage of Gaza residents now dependent on food aid, as opposed to 63% in 2006, according to the report.

The report said that unemployment is around 40 percent and nearly 70 percent of the 110,000 workers employed in the private sector have lost their jobs.

It also said hospitals are suffering from power cuts of up to 12 hours a day, and the water and sewage systems were close to collapsing. (AP)

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Money



SECOND CHANCE: Now that Toshiba has conceded the DVD format war to Blu-Ray, Circuit City is helping its customers avoid buyer's remorse. The retailer has extended the return period on HD DVD players, which will soon be discontinued, from 30 to 90 days.

Homeowners' Equity Slips to All-Time Low

Mortgage debt in U.S. exceeds equity for the first time on record

NEW YORK | Americans' percentage of equity in their homes fell below 50 percent for the first time on record since record-keeping began in 1945, the Federal Reserve said Thursday.

Homeowners' portion of equity slipped to downwardly revised 49.6 percent in the second quarter of 2007, the central bank reported in its quarterly U.S. Flow of Funds Accounts, and declined further to 47.9 percent in the fourth quarter — the third straight quarter it was under 50 percent.

That marks the first time homeowners' debt on their houses exceeds

their equity since the Fed started tracking the data in 1945.

The total value of equity also fell for the third straight quarter to \$9.65 trillion from a downwardly revised \$9.93 trillion in the third quarter.

Home equity, which is equal to the percentage of a home's market value minus mortgage-related debt, has steadily decreased even as home prices jumped due to a surge in cash-out refinances, home equity loans and an increase in 100 percent or more home financing.

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The percentage of homeowners who were delinquent on their mortgage payments in the final months of 2007.

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Steinwy	27.53	+.47	+9.9
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Amrep	41.26	+.26	+8.6
Theragen	3.81	+.23	+6.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CapsteadM	11.30	-5.00	-30.7
Anworth	6.23	-2.62	-29.6
Orbitz n	4.90	-1.71	-25.9
CBRE Rlt	3.00	-.98	-24.6
MFA Mtg	6.76	-1.93	-22.2

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LibMEntB n	25.82	+.62	+69.9
ExactSci	3.03	+.94	+45.0
SmithMicro	6.57	+1.46	+28.6
UFP Tch	7.44	+1.36	+22.4
Iomai	1.12

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
OmrixBio	14.09	-10.96	-43.8
SutronCp h	6.00	-3.76	-38.5
EngyFocus	3.10	-1.61	-34.2
UnionDrill	15.32	-5.69	-27.1
SM&A	4.68	-1.45	-23.7

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4977	.5021	.5184
Canadian Dollar	.9858	.9862	1.1766
European Euro	.6508	.6552	.7622
Japanese Yen	103.09	103.87	116.67
Mexican Peso	10.8225	10.7053	11.1380
Taiwanese Dollar	30.77	30.91	32.98

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-214.60 -1.75 12040.39	-52.31 -2.30 2220.50	-29.36 -2.20 1304.34

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	52.09	-.89	-7.2
Allergan s	56.17	-.88	-12.6
AstraZen	36.92	-.33	-13.8
BarrPhm	45.92	-.156	-13.5
BrMySq	21.77	-.42	-16.9
Cephl	60.00	-.99	-16.4
ForestLab	39.25	-.96	+7.7
Hospira	42.73	-.72	+.2
JohnJn	62.63	-.50	-6.1
LillyEli	49.68	-.74	-6.9
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TOURIST ALERT: Most of the cherry trees circling the Tidal Basin should be in peak bloom when the National Cherry Blossom Festival begins later this month, according to the National Park Service. Peak bloom will run from March 27 through April 3.

Local

New Metro Cars Suffer Radio Snag

Train communication system on 6000 series raises safety concerns

The radios in Metro's highly publicized new rail cars are not compatible with the agency's troubled radio network so train operators must rely on handheld radios to communicate with the system's control center, officials said.

Train operators say the handheld radios are less reliable, and are concerned that precious time

could be wasted during emergencies, when fast communication is essential. Metro officials and union representatives said the dependence on handheld radios in the new cars does not compromise safety because backup measures allow operators to communicate with central control.

The transit agency has been eagerly awaiting the full deployment of new rail cars to ease crowding and add capacity as Metro heads into its busiest season. The majority of the cars are running on the Green

NEW BUSES ROLLING OUT

Metro GM John Catoe says 22 new buses will begin service in June featuring:

- Larger glass windows
- Cushioned passenger seats
- Sleeker, rounded exterior styling, versus old bread-box look
- Buses might even be color-coordinated based on routes.

Line, where ridership is expected to surge when baseball season starts in three weeks and fans are being

urged to take Metro to the Navy Yard station, a block from the new ballpark.

Metro transit police and track workers have long complained about poor radio reception in certain "dead spots" while using handheld devices and the agency has been trying to upgrade the radio system. But the system still is not fully operational. The radios in the new rail cars were designed to work with an upgraded network, but since the network is not ready, the radios are inoperable.

"It's a disaster waiting to happen. If we've got to evacuate, I'm [just] sitting there because ... I can't communicate with central control."

A Green Line operator, speaking anonymously | **Today's Metro**

IN **The Washington Post**

That leaves some train operators worried when they climb into one of the new cars. Instead of a console radio as primary communication with the control center, operators must rely on battery-operated handsets that they say are not as reliable.

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | GEORGE AND HIS CHERRY TREE



FARMER PRESIDENT: "George Washington" from the Nationals takes time from his Presidents Racing to attend the planting of one of 14 new cherry trees in a grove beyond left field at the new Nationals Park Thursday.

The Lotteries

Thursday, March 6

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-0-1
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	5-0-6
Mid-day DC 4	8-5-4-8
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	2-2-1-1
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	1-9-14-24-33
Daily 6 (Wed.)	8-12-20-33-34-37 Bonus: 36
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	9-15-23-29-37 (I)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	5-4-5	I-1-I-2-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-5-5	I-10-15-16-21
Mid-day Pick 4	0-3-5-5	I-9-21-24-34
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	I-1-6-7	22-26-29-33-34-35
Match 5 (Wed.)	9-11-19-20-35 Bonus: 30	
Lotto (Wed.)	7-16-21-25-37-40	

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	3-8-2	I-1-I-2-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-0-8	I-10-15-16-21
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	8-9-8-4	I-9-21-24-34

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Pr. George's Hospital Taken Over by State

County-state authority will seek to sell center to private company

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The troubled Prince George's Hospital Center will be taken over by a county-state authority that will seek to sell it to a private company.

The 268-bed hospital and three related facilities are currently owned by Prince George's County

and operated by a nonprofit company. An agreement announced Thursday calls for the hospital to be sold outright after years of floating near insolvency. The hospital has come close to closing several times in recent years because it serves many patients too poor to pay.

Lawmakers set aside \$50 million last fall to save the hospital, and the deal announced Thursday calls for that money to be used until the hospital is sold. (AP)

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Sports Weekend

TV Lineup



Tyler Hansbrough and the top-ranked Tar Heels are at No. 5 Duke on Saturday.

friday

7 P.M. The Wizards are four games back of the fifth-place Raptors, who host Washington on Friday. CSN

8 P.M. The Celtics have the NBA's best record. Can the Bulls stop their six-game win streak? ESPN

saturday

11:30 A.M. The Big South conference tournament wraps up with the championship game on Saturday. ESPN2

1 P.M. Trying to push their way back into the playoff picture, the Caps play the Bruins, a team they beat 10-2 earlier this week. CSN

12 P.M. Georgetown and Louisville will be fighting for the Big East regular season title when they meet at D.C.'s Verizon Center. CBS

8 P.M. The Wizards take on Charlotte in a Southeast conference matchup in Washington. CSN

9 P.M. No. 1 UNC is at No. 5 Duke for the last regular season game of the year, which will decide the ACC. ESPN

sunday

12:30 P.M. Sidney Crosby's Penguins lead the Eastern Conference, but Alex Ovechkin has been hot of late. NBC

1 P.M. The women's ACC final is in Greensboro, N.C. CSN

5:30 P.M. The Big Ten will play the women's championship game in Indianapolis. ESPN2

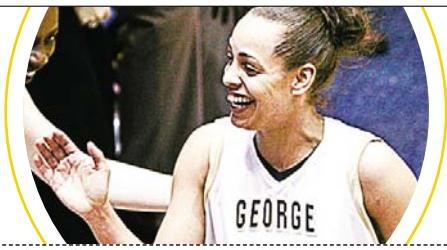
5:30 P.M. The semifinals for the Pac-10 are in San Jose, Calif. FSN

7:30 P.M. The Terps men close out their season at Virginia. CSN

Sports

COLONIALS WOMEN'S HOOPS

Final Run: George Washington's talented senior class has one last chance to win an Atlantic-10 tournament title. | **I3**



Seniors' Moment

Hoyas have a chance to go out on top with as Big East champions

HOYAS HOOPS | Roy Hibbert came back to Georgetown this season for this: one game, featuring two top-25 teams tied for first place and with the Big East championship at stake.

On a day when the senior class will be honored at Verizon Center, the 11th-ranked Hoyas (24-4, 14-3) won't have much time for nostalgia. Everything will be on the line against No. 12 Louisville (24-6, 14-3).

This group — which came into Georgetown with coach John Thompson III four years ago and helped revived the struggling program — will be trying to repeat as league champions for the first time since the 1996-97 seasons, an accomplishment not even achieved

Cardinals Rule

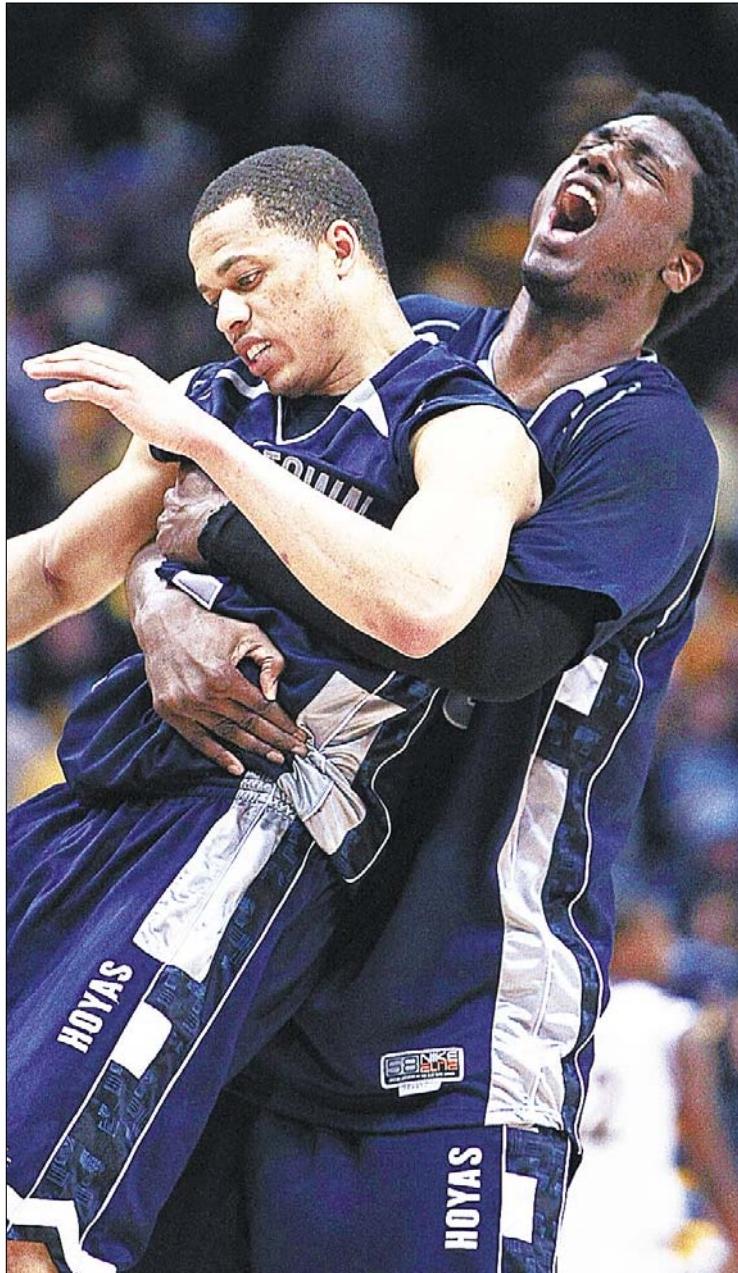
→ Louisville was unranked when it beat Georgetown in their first meeting. The 12th-ranked Cardinals have come a long way since then. | **Today, Sports**

IN The Washington Post

in Patrick Ewing Sr.'s four years. It's also only the second time that the two teams tied at the top of the Big East will play for the league title in the regular season finale.

"This is what you live for in college basketball," Hibbert said Thursday. "This is the way I want to go out my senior year."

Also playing in their final home games will be Jonathan Wallace, Patrick Ewing Jr. and Tyler Crawford. Though only Hibbert and Wallace are regulars in the starting lineup, Thompson said each played a role in rebuilding the team to the



Seniors Jonathan Wallace, left, and Roy Hibbert came to Georgetown at the same time as coach John Thompson III and helped return the program to greatness. | JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

status it enjoyed during its glory days under John Thompson Jr.

"This is a group that is special to me," the coach said. "It's a group of guys, more so than any group ... that

understands the concept of team. They understand sacrifice is needed for the sake of the group, and they've embraced that."

Two prime examples of such

WOMEN'S GOLF | **Last Shot** LPGA tour golfer Tripp Isenhour is charged with killing a hawk with a golf shot. It occurred in December when she was filming a video segment for the television show "Shoot Like a Pro." Prosecutors say a red-shouldered hawk was making



noise, forcing a video crew to film another take. The hawk moved closer, and the golfer hit several balls at it. A witness says the bird fell to the ground, bleeding from both nostrils. The 39-year-old golfer is charged with cruelty to animals and killing a migratory bird. (AP)

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Four seniors will be honored on Saturday, but one member of the class is still an honorary Hoyas:

→ Jeff Green, last year's Big East Player of the Year, was on hand Thursday to watch Georgetown practice before its game against Louisville. And, apparently, he still watches the Hoyas on television. Hibbert said Green is known to text message a player to suggest in-game adjustments, especially encouraging the center to be more aggressive.

sacrifice come from the team's top two seniors, Hibbert and Wallace. Four years ago, Wallace passed up other offers and joined the Hoyas as a walk-on — and has since started each game at Georgetown. And just last summer, Hibbert gave up a chance at millions of dollars in the NBA to return for a final shot at a championship — a decision that has kept the Hoyas atop the Big East even after Jeff Green went pro.

Both say they have no regrets about staying four years and point to Georgetown's legacy — to both championships and stars such as Ewing Sr., Alonzo Mourning and Dikembe Mutombo — as prime reason to enjoy life in college.

"If you look at Georgetown and the past and how good they were, it's a no-brainer to want to be a part of this," said Wallace.

Just ask Hibbert, who always dreamed of playing for the Hoyas, so much so that he attended Georgetown Prep in high school.

"I've always wanted to go to Georgetown, even when I was a little kid," said Hibbert. "It's been a tough road, but I don't regret any decisions I made, and I'd do it all over again." MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

Last Chance to Get Back

Mason's seniors need to win the CAA to return to the tourney

GEORGE MASON HOOPS | When Will Thomas leaves George Mason, his best memory of his time at school will not be of cutting down the nets after making the Final Four.

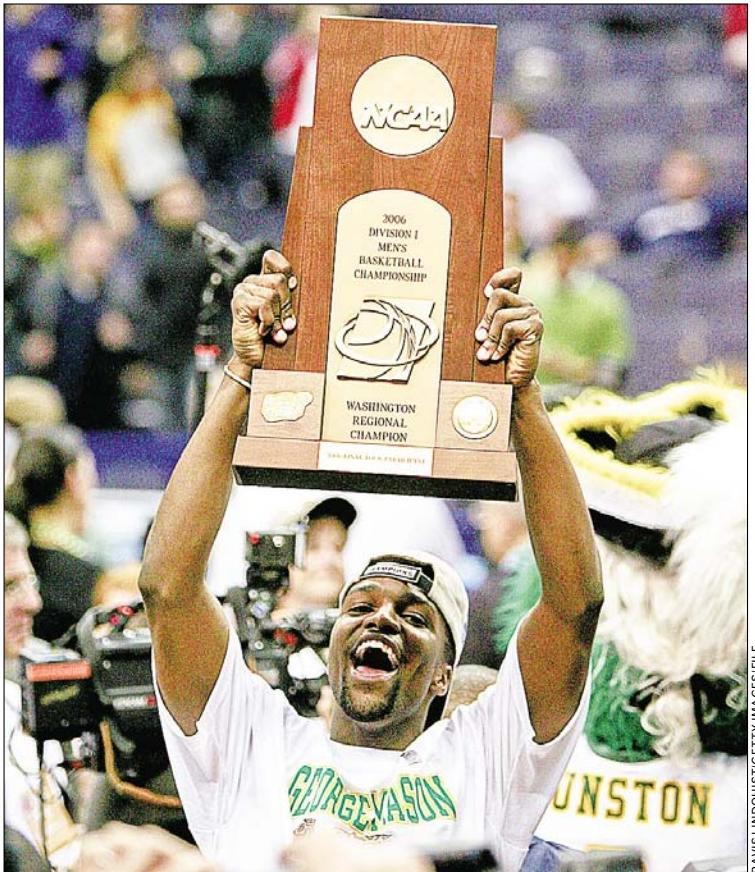
It will be of a night during winter break his freshman year when no one was in the dorms except the basketball players and the freshman ran around from room to room playing pranks on each other.

For Folarin Campbell, it's similar moments that he'll think back on.

"We've been roommates for four years, and we're going to be friends for life," Campbell says. "Hanging out with these fellows, we're going to laugh every moment."

On Friday, Campbell and Thomas will head into their final CAA tournament needing a tournament win not only because it is the only way this year's team (20-10, 12-6 CAA) will make it back to the NCAAs but also because it's seemingly the one goal they have yet to accomplish in four years at George Mason.

"I think that would define this class, this team — how hard we worked this year and how hard we worked all four years," Thomas said.



Folarin Campbell celebrates after George Mason made the Final Four in 2006.

Thomas and Campbell are the last of the players who played leading roles in George Mason's trip to the Final Four two seasons ago — Campbell led that team in scoring, hitting double figures in all five

NCAA games; Thomas averaged a team-high nine rebounds per game in the tournament.

By making the Final Four, Campbell and Thomas have helped make George Mason a hunted program.

A TOUGH ROAD AHEAD
George Mason is the No. 3 seed in this weekend's CAA tournament:

→ The Patriots get a first-round bye and will play the winner of Friday's Northeastern-James Madison matchup on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. The winner of that game will move on to play in the semifinals on Sunday afternoon.

"Down at Ohio University, they were saying, 'Come see our team take down Mason,'" Campbell said.

They came to George Mason four years ago as a part of what people called the best class coach Jim Larranaga had ever brought in, and they proved themselves along the way by winning 80 games over four years, giving Larranaga two of his three 20-win seasons at George Mason and, of course, beating Michigan State, UNC and Connecticut to make the Final Four for the first time in school history.

"When you think of George Mason, you think of the Final Four, and you also think of Folarin Campbell and Will Thomas," Larranaga said. "A new generation of players will come in and they will learn about the tradition, and there's a great responsibility on the next generation of Will Thomases Folarin Campbells." IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

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COLLEGE HOOPS | BY MATT SWENSON

In College, So Much Is at Stake

THERE IS NO LOGICAL LEG to stand on when arguing that college basketball games are better played than NBA games.

The Association, as it is often called, features the very best players in the world — from Kobe Bryant to LeBron James to Kevin Garnett.

But I never can summon the same passion about the pros as I can about the college game.

It comes down to March. The stakes are so high for so many teams that there is an energy that builds all the way until the Final Four.

As the month unfolds, each team has its own make-or-break moments, even if it's just to reach the Big Dance.

Take poor Navy, which had a

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resurgent regular season only to have its heart broken Wednesday night on a half-court shot at the end of the third overtime against Bucknell. Imagine the tension at Bender Arena at the same time while American, seeking its first NCAA tournament bid, squeaked by longtime nemesis Holy Cross.

More Cinderellas — or heartbreakers, depending on your perspective — will emerge. It happens more often as mid-majors such as Kent State and Gonzaga have inched closer to traditional powers like UCLA and Duke.

There are no little guys in the NBA. Everybody — except the Miami Heat — is good, and even the Heat has Dwyane Wade.

I understand why the NBA has so many fans. But give me the drama and unpredictability of college hoops anytime.

'Bad Losses' May Be Terps' Downfall

A defeat against UVA. Saturday would add to Maryland's negatives

TERPS HOOPS | As the NCAA tournament selection committee gathers to set the seeds and grant at-large bids like wishes from genies freed after 11 months in a bottle, there are a few buzzwords that will be on the lips of basketball observers everywhere.

Among the most prevalent criteria used to separate the just-ins from the also-rans are "quality wins" and "bad losses."

The Maryland Terrapins (18-12, 8-7 in the ACC) are neither solidly in nor solidly out of the tournament.

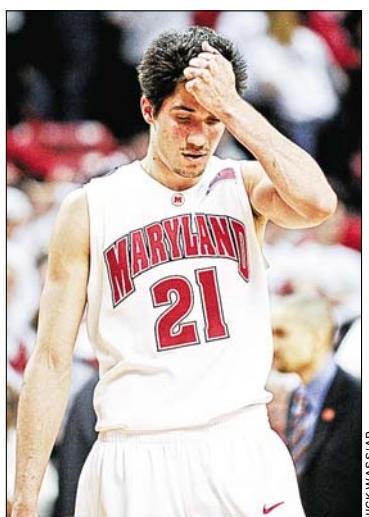
They have one major quality win to boast, a victory over then-No. 1 North Carolina.

Bad losses, however, may ultimately be Maryland's undoing.

And none may leave as much of a lasting impression as last Sunday's loss to Clemson, a game in which Maryland blew a 20-point lead midway through the second half and lost on a 3-pointer in the final seconds.

"We lost a very tough game against a team, Clemson, that just wouldn't quit," coach Gary Williams said. "We've had to get off the floor a couple times this year. We'll certainly work on that this week."

The Terrapins redeemed themselves after early season losses to



Greivis Vasquez walks off the court after losing to Clemson on a last-second shot.

Ohio University and American University to play good basketball through much of the season. Lately, though, the bad losses have come back, as Maryland has lost four of its last six games.

Maryland wraps up the regular season against Virginia. The Cavaliers swept the Terps a year ago but have collapsed into an ACC bottom-feeder this year. Maryland won the previous meeting. Another win Sunday would show perseverance, particularly if followed by a strong showing in the ACC tournament. A loss? Well, a loss would be bad.

"It is what it is, and we have to take advantage of this situation," Williams said. DEREK TURNER

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Chameleon Coach

Sporting many faces, the Wizards' Jordan brings success to D.C.

WIZARDS | He can appear stoic even during the worst of times. He gets mad, but rarely enough to get a technical.

So, who is Eddie Jordan?

Is he the troubled-looking man standing on the sidelines during Wednesday's 122-92 loss to Orlando? Is he the wise-cracking coach who can make a joke to the press during even the most dire run?

The Wizards' leader became the longest-tenured coach in the NBA's Eastern Conference by a combination of good fortune and good sense.

The fifth-year coach's reign has coincided with the franchise's best run in nearly two decades, and Jordan has been able to adapt the team's strategy and goals as necessary.

That asset has been especially important during a season in which Washington (29-31) has been without its best player, Gilbert Arenas, for all but eight games.

"I don't call [our situation] tough — I call it challenging," Jordan said. "It's rewarding when our guys play as hard as they do."

A rededication to defense — which Jordan's squad did well when he was an assistant in New Jersey before arriving in Washington — has a lot to do with the Wizards' ability to stay competitive with Arenas and Caron Butler sidelined. Forced to watch a number of triple-digit, last-to-score-wins con-



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Eddie Jordan has put on many faces during his five years in D.C. His teams have made the playoffs three straight years but haven't made the conference championship game.

TRIPLE THREAT

The Wizards gave up 12 3-pointers in Wednesday's loss to Orlando:

→ They play another team that likes to shoot from long distances on Friday when they travel to Toronto (33-27). The Raptors are the best team in the NBA from long distance, shooting 41 percent from behind the arc. They shellacked Washington 122-83 when the teams met in Canada on Jan. 30. Toronto went 13-for-17 from 3-point range in that game.

tests during his D.C. stay, Jordan employed former Ohio State head coach Randy Ayers to get the Wizards straight on defense.

While Jordan is always quick to defer credit to his stars — no NBA

coach can win for long periods without top-caliber players — the Wizards had the 11th-best defense in the league (98.4 points per game). That's well below the 104.9 points per game Washington surrendered last season.

Sure, he's had disputes with players (notably a public argument with Arenas over the merits of defense last season), and Jordan has yet to make the conference finals. But at the end of the day, significant credit for the organization's current run of success has to be credited to its chameleon coach.

"You try to get a group of guys to do more than what they think they can be doing, and you perform as a team," Jordan said. "And that's what we've been doing." ERIC BRANDNER

Butler Dons Wizards Uniform Again

After being sidelined a month, forward is set to return to practice

WIZARDS | Washington Wizards forward Caron Butler plans to be back at practice next week, but there is still no timetable for when he might be able to return to games after being sidelined by a hip injury.

"I am trying to get back out

there," the two-time All-Star said Thursday. "I am going to wait until next week to start participating in practices, and I am going to play it by ear. My body is going to determine whether I am able to play or not."

The injury originally was diagnosed as a strained hip flexor at the



Butler

end of January, and Butler sat out three games. He then tried playing in two games, before he sat again, and an MRI exam found that Butler has a small labral tear of the left hip joint.

He hasn't been in uniform since Feb. 5, and the Wizards are 5-8 over the past month.

Butler — who is averaging 21.4 points, 6.8 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.4 steals this season — called surgery "the very last option." (AP)

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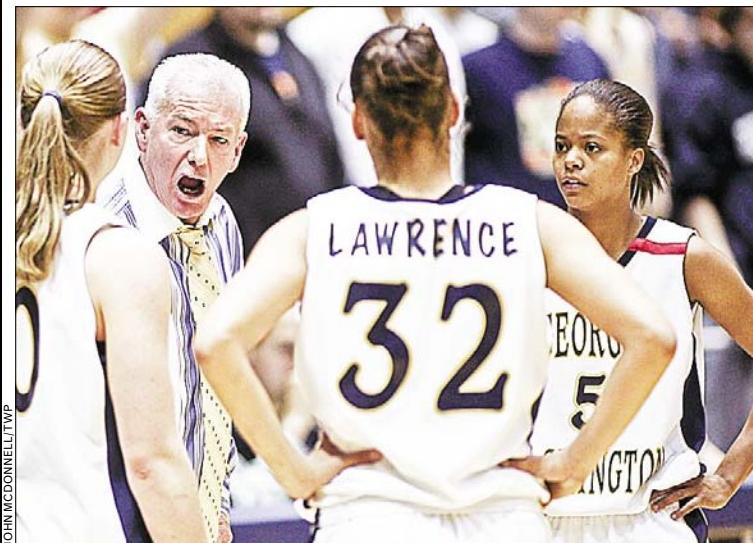


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Last season, the George Washington women's basketball team was favored to win the Atlantic-10 tournament but was upset by Saint Joseph's in the semifinals.

GW Seniors Look For 1st A-10 Title

Despite solid seasons, this class struggles in the conference tourney

COLONIALS WOMEN'S HOOPS | The current group of seniors on the George Washington women's basketball team has won 98 games in the last four years and has captured a share of the Atlantic-10 title every season — part of a seven-year streak for the Colonials. But a quick look at their track record shows one glaring hole: an A-10 tournament title.

"We want to win the A-10 tournament title," senior guard Sarah-Jo Lawrence said. "This is our senior year, and we haven't cut down the nets yet. That's what we want to do."

The four seniors — Lawrence, A-10 Player of the Year Kimberly Beck, Whitney Allen and Lora Mitchell — were very close to winning the tournament crown in their freshman and sophomore seasons, falling to Temple in the championship game both years. Last year, the Colonials went undefeated in conference play during the regular season, only to be upset by Saint Joseph's in the tournament semifinals.

Though an A-10 title is an important milestone, perhaps more important is that losing in their conference tournament has hurt this group come NCAA tournament time. Last season, GW went into its conference tournament ranked No. 8 in

the country, but its early exit resulted in a No. 5 seed — the Colonials lost in the Sweet 16.

The Colonials are not going into the tournament as a No. 1 seed this year as they have in the past three seasons — Temple is No. 1; GW is No. 2 — but they still feel as if they have an "X" on their back.

"On any given night, anybody can win," All-American point guard Beck said. "No matter who's on the court, we have to play hard. In order to get to the championship and win it all, we have to beat the teams that

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we have struggled with in the past and this season."

St. Bonaventure, which gave the Colonials one of their losses this season, could stand in their way. If St. Bonaventure wins its first round matchup, it would go on to face GW in what could be a retribution game for the Colonials.

"We can win the A-10 title," senior forward Whitney Allen said. "If we play GW basketball, execute on offense, play tough defense, use our bench well and have some fun, we can do it." **DREW RIFKIN**

From Twins to the Terps

Frese plans be at ACC tournament shortly after giving birth to 2

TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS | Once again, a high-profile coach could be back on the bench just in time for the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Kay Yow did it last year, returning from cancer treatments to lead North Carolina State on a thrilling run to the league title game. This time it's Brenda Frese, who, after delivering twins 2½ weeks ago, is expected to try to lead Maryland to its first league tournament title in nearly 20 years.

"I feel rejuvenated," Frese said. "I just really appreciate this time with our team, and being back and ... all of those little things, sometimes coaches take for granted when you get into the grind of the season. I just feel like this is a special new season for us and our team."

No. 5 Maryland (29-2) and the second-ranked, three-time defending ACC champion North Carolina



Maryland coach Brenda Frese, right, returned to practice on Tuesday, just over two weeks after giving birth to twins, and plans to lead the team at the ACC tournament.

(27-2) enter as the prohibitive favorites to win the tournament, which starts Thursday at the Greensboro Coliseum.

They are the league's only teams in the Top 10, hold the top two seeds and have one conference loss between them — the top-seeded Tar Heels' double-overtime victory two months ago in Chapel Hill.

The Terrapins insist they aren't yet peaking ahead to a possible rematch in the title game.

Frese missed that game, and many of the Terrapins' others away from College Park because the pregnancy left her unable to travel with the team. She gave birth to twin boys on Feb. 17, then stunned her players with a surprise pre-game pep talk in the locker room before Sunday's game at North Carolina State.

She returned to practice Tuesday and told reporters there that the decision would be day-to-day. But her presence in North Carolina surely will give the Terrapins a push as they look for their first ACC tournament crown since 1989. (AP)

Roddick Serves His Way Past Nadal in Dubai

TENNIS | Andy Roddick used his strong serve to upset Rafael Nadal 7-6 (5), 6-2 Thursday and reach the semifinals of the Dubai Tennis Championships, and then announced he has split with coach Jimmy Connors.

Roddick said that Connors resigned about a week ago because he wanted to spend more time with his family.



Roddick

"I still have the utmost respect for Jimmy and thank him for his time," Roddick said.

He credited the eight-time Grand Slam champion for having greatly improved his backhand and boosted his "fighting spirit."

The sixth-ranked Roddick closed the match with one of his 17 aces, and had numerous service winners against the second-ranked Spaniard. One ace was 149.75 mph, breaking the Dubai serve record he set a day earlier. (AP)

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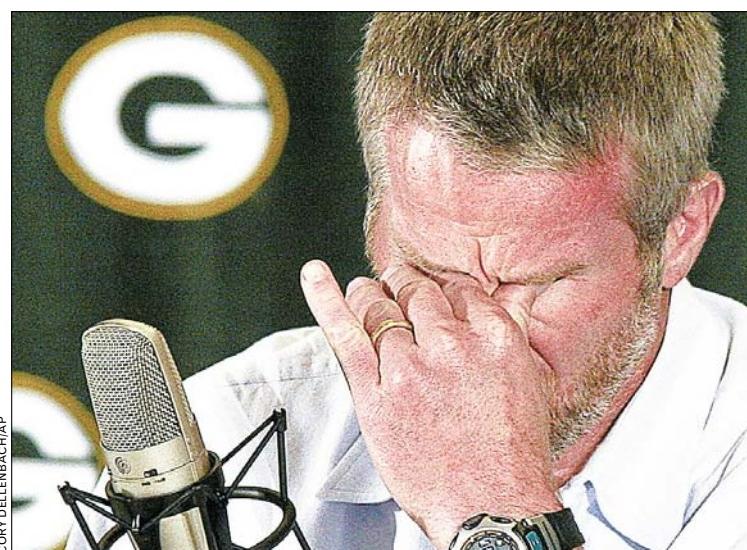
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Brett Favre sheds tears during a press conference in Green Bay while explaining why he decided to end his football career and retire from the NFL after 17 seasons.

Tearful Favre Tells His Fans 'It's Over'

In emotional address, Packers legend bids farewell to football

NFL | Sitting by himself on an airplane ride up to Green Bay on Thursday morning, Brett Favre struggled to find a sincere and graceful way to say he was finished with football.

In the end, his tears told the story.

"It's been a great career for me, and it's over," Favre said, his voice cracking with emotion during a news conference at Lambeau Field two days after he announced his retirement. "As hard as that is for me to say, it's over."

Favre said he was convinced he could still play on Sundays, but had lost his passion to practice and prepare the way he would need to lead the Packers to another Super Bowl.

Given that fact, he could draw

only one conclusion: It was time to hang up his helmet.

"I have way too much pride," Favre said. "I expect a lot out of myself. And if I cannot do those things 100 percent, then I can't play."

He takes with him a Super Bowl victory, virtually every quarterback record worth having and the widespread admiration of his peers and fans.

He cried Thursday as he discussed his decision.

Favre is the NFL's only three-time MVP, and leads the league with 442 touchdown passes, 61,655 yards passing and 160 career victories. He started 253 consecutive regular-season games, more than any other quarterback in history.

Favre said Thursday he had no definite plans for the future and did not know whether he would be involved in football or with the Packers, but ruled out a return to the field. CHRIS JENKINS (AP)

Kearse, 31, Returns to Tennessee

NFL | The Tennessee Titans agreed to terms with defensive end Jevon Kearse on Thursday.

The 31-year-old was the Defensive Rookie of the Year after Tennessee made him the 16th overall pick in the 1999 draft.

He had 47.5 sacks with the

Titans and made three Pro Bowl teams, but left in 2004 for a free-agent deal with the Eagles.

Kearse never achieved the success with the Eagles that he did in Tennessee, totaling just 22 sacks and suffering a knee injury that cost him much of the 2006 season. (AP)

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SERIOUS OVERTIME: D'Leh (Steven Strait) is threatened by a saber-tooth tiger in the prehistoric disaster "10,000 BC."

Epically Boring

'10,000 BC' is one dull, witless stab at grandiose filmmaking

FILM | A mix of vast CGI spectacle and small, silly moments, the prehistoric saga "10,000 BC" is an epic in name only.

Rather, the latest mind-numbing extravaganza from director Roland Emmerich ("Independence

Day," "The Day After Tomorrow") feels more like a video game in film form.

Our dreadlocked, dirt-smudged hero, D'Leh (Steven Strait), must protect his Yagahl people from a variety of foes, including a pack of woolly mammoths, marauders on horseback, some angry ostrich-looking things and an enormous saber-toothed tiger. He also must rescue the love of his life, the mystical Evo-

let (Camilla Belle, looking weirdly like Lindsay Lohan being hounded by paparazzi), from the slave raiders who've kidnapped her.

The script from Emmerich and Harald Kloser (who also wrote the overbearing score) takes D'Leh and his fellow tribesmen (Cliff Curtis, Nathanael Baring, Mo Zainal) from one level to the next without building much momentum; the whole endeavor is actually quite a bore,

leading up to the overblown, climactic showdown amid some half-built pyramids.

Some of the wide shots are dazzling (the film was shot in New Zealand, South Africa and Namibia) and there are a couple of thrilling moments here and there — the thunderous mammoth stampede, for example. But this is otherwise a slice of history you'd like to forget.

Strait, who played a bad-boy warlock at a New England boarding school in "The Covenant" and a bad-boy musician with a heart of gold in "Undiscovered," pouts and broods and, when the time comes, channels his inner Mel Gibson to rally his troops. And that's about it. Belle, who co-starred alongside Daniel Day-Lewis in the melancholy "The Ballad of Jack and Rose," has piercing blue eyes and looks pretty in danger. And that's about it.

As D'Leh helps a giant tiger who's trapped beneath some logs in a cave, he says to the creature: "Do not eat me when I set you free." When the leader of a black tribe sizes him up with disdain before they join forces in battle, D'Leh says to a translator, "Tell him I am older than I look."

Even the subtitles are too colloquial. As one bad guy reaches for a knife, another bad guy says to him: "Just try it."

Then again, as Kloser says in the film's production notes, "Roland and I never intended for '10,000 BC' to be a documentary." Well, duh. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Got Plans?

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Is there a good place in the area to play arcade games that has a bar?
I really enjoy the vintage tabletop pinball game (seriously) and Ms. Pac-Man game at Galaxy Hut. Black Cat has a couple of pinball games and Ms. Pac-Man/Galaga. Then there's Big Buck Hunter at Asylum and Pharmacy Bar.

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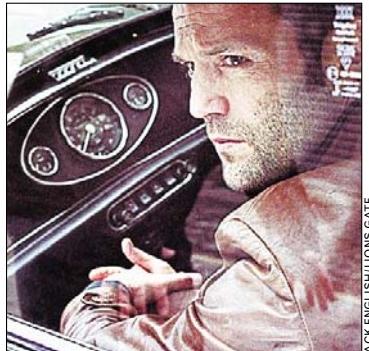
Amateur thugs plot a sophisticated heist in 'The Bank Job'

FILM | As the title alone suggests, "The Bank Job" is a solid, no-nonsense heist thriller, yet one that ultimately fails to distinguish itself from the many others of the genre.

Australian director Roger Donaldson ("The Recruit," "Thirteen Days") has crafted a respectable mix of fact and fiction inspired by

the 1971 robbery of a Lloyds Bank in London. At the time, the tabloids referred to the crime as the "Walkie-Talkie Robbery," and "The Bank Job" authentically evokes the period without drowning in cultural kitsch.

Force of nature Jason Statham, star of the "Transporter" movies, plays the vividly named Terry Leather, a used-car dealer with a criminal past. He and some of his amateur thug pals get roped into robbing the bank's vault by seduc-



Jason Statham as Terry Leather, a used-car dealer with crime on the brain.

tive ex-model Martine Love (the stunning Saffron Burrows).

The requisite collection of colorful supporting characters includes a smut peddler, a part-time porn star, a black-power con man and some seriously hypocritical aristocrats. Because besides the millions of pounds' worth of cash and jewels locked within those generic boxes, there's also some heavily incriminating information that gets out once the thieves break in.



I'd like to go somewhere romantic with my husband for my birthday.

The catch: We're both vegetarians.
How about a place like Al Tiramisu? Tabaq Bistro isn't a bad option, either.

→ *Al Tiramisu*, 2041 P St. NW; 202-467-4466. (Dupont Circle)

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Behind the Monster

'The Wire's' Gbenga Akinnagbe dishes on playing a psychopath

KILLER | If you ask the man behind the monster, "The Wire's" Chris Partlow is a pure sociopath. He's a killer who doesn't care as much about money or bling or respect as some of the characters on the HBO drama.

"Chris is just as likely to shake your hand as kill you and not care one way or another," Gbenga Akinnagbe says. "It's like going to a 9-to-5 for him — he just happens to be really good at it."

But in the last two seasons, series creator David Simon has shown Partlow as more than just a heartless killer. He cares about seeing his family, and he takes under his wing a boy who has been abused by his stepfather, something Partlow can certainly relate to.

Akinnagbe is similarly deep to his character (though not at all similar). The son of Nigerian immigrants, he was the first of



HE'S GOT ISSUES: On HBO's "The Wire," Akinnagbe plays Chris Partlow, a layered character with sociopathic tendencies.

his family to be born in the U.S. After being kicked out of school for behavioral problems when he

was in second grade, he was in and out of special ed until high school, when he joined the wrestling team

at Magruder High School in Montgomery County.

"I was very fortunate," Akin-

nagbe said. He excelled at wrestling and was recruited to go to Bucknell. That led him back to D.C. to work for the Corporation for National Service.

"After a year or so, I just got curious, and I bought some books and went online to do some research about acting," Akinnagbe said. "I wasn't really trying to become an actor — I just got curious."

He eventually quit his government job and dedicated himself to acting,

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reading constantly and going to plays almost every night to make up for his lack of formal training.

After three years of throwing his heart and soul into Partlow, Akinnagbe, who will watch Sunday's final episode at a friend's house (the HBO star doesn't have cable) is now on to new things — in movies, TV and theater. But he's still picky about the characters he plays.

"Most scripts are bad; most plays that are written are bad — and when you can find something that's good work, as an artist, you have to throw yourself behind it," he said. **IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)**

Miss Carpe Diem

'Miss Pettigrew' goes from frumpy to chic in a jam-packed day

FILM | From the title "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day," you might assume correctly that the lady in question hasn't really lived before this particular day arrived.

So, too, the film starring Frances McDormand as frumpy governess Miss Pettigrew and Amy Adams as the giddy actress who takes her on as a social secretary only gradually learns how to get a life.

After a slow and tiresome start, "Miss Pettigrew" forges ahead with true British fortitude and class, an endearing bond forming between McDormand and Adams, who are ably backed by a top-notch supporting cast led by Ciaran Hinds and Shirley Henderson.



Ciaran Hinds and Frances McDormand do some refined movin' and shakin'.

Adapted by director Bharat Nalluri (TV's "Tsunami: The Aftermath") from Winifred Watson's novel, the film follows the monumental makeover that unfolds dur-

ing one day in the life of McDormand's Guinevere Pettigrew in 1930s London.

Destitute after losing the latest in a string of governess gigs and unable to find a new job because of her judgmental temperament, the impossibly high-minded Miss Pettigrew takes an uncharacteristic step. She bluffs her way into a job as social secretary to flighty American actress-singer Delysia Lafosse (Adams).

The movie's first act is an awkward, unconvincing series of missteps, chance encounters and mistaken identities. Yet through the devotion of its performers and the beguiling interplay between McDormand and Adams, "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day" eventually musters enough life force to justify its charmed little existence. **DAVID GERMAIN (AP)**

FILM | TRIPPIN' WITH POPS



THAT'S SO WRONG: Kids — they grow up so fast, it's hard for parents to let go. Like Martin Lawrence's character in "College Road Trip," who follows his daughter (played by Raven-Symone of "That's So Raven" fame) across the country to "help her" as she visits prospective schools. **(EXPRESS)**

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

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Missy Elliott helps us old, stodgy hip-hop cats remember that sometimes you have to turn off your brain, because her subject matter rarely veers from salacious come-ons and crowing about her newest material excesses. She knows she can keep the meter stuck on silly and make you powerless to resist it; her lyrics are slick, tasty junk food, and her beats are wonders of gluteal motivation. Even without Timbaland's magic touch, her current single, "Ching-A-Ling," will have you spilling your drink and smashing feet in a rush to the dance floor. Practice in the mirror before you try to re-create Missy's famous video dance sequences at **IBIZA** Friday night.

Tucked under the heading of the D.C. Independent Film Festival is the D.C. Independent Music Festival. It's the second year that the film festival has incorporated live music, and it's not as much a festival as it is a couple bands playing sets on the 11 nights that films are screened. The venues for the performances aren't exactly what you'd expect from something billed as an independent music festival — most of the shows will be held at **BERTUCCI'S** and **T.G.I. FRIDAY'S**, both in Foggy Bottom. **PANGEA CAFE** will also host its share of shows, including tonight's free performance by Kitty Hawk, a longtime office fave and one of the "forgotten" bands in the Federal Reserve Collective. Other shows to check out include Greenland at Bertucci's on Saturday (10 p.m., \$10) and the Alphabetical Order and Nihilitia at T.G.I. Friday's on Sunday (5 p.m., free).

We were completely smitten with Brooklyn's Tigercity last year. On one of our podcasts, Rhome said the band's smooth, '70s-style funk made him want to go roller skating, while Fritz compared the deep disco basslines, jagged guitar stabs and multi-tracked vocals to Steely Dan and Hall and Oates. (High praise, indeed.) The band's put out only one new track since



CAN YOU WORK IT? See if you can keep up with Missy Elliott Friday night at Ibiza.

then, but "Red Lips" delves deeper into Prince-meets-Funkadelic-lite territory, which means it'll have everyone dancing at **DC9** Friday night, where Tigercity performs at a special edition of the weekly Liberation Dance Party. Opening is the much-buzzed-about British indie-synthpop duo I Was A Cub Scout, which has been seeing increased BBC Radio 1 airplay after the recent release of its debut album, "I Want You to Know That There Is Always Hope."

SATURDAY

"The popularity of prom nights for 20- and 30-somethings raises some interesting questions for budding sociologists. Was high school really the best time of our lives, or was it so horrible we want a chance to do it over, a la Drew Barrymore in 'Never Been Kissed'? Or has our generation just watched those John Hughes movies too many times?" Hard to believe we wrote that almost three years ago, because the adult-prom-as-fundraiser trend is still as popular as ever. Saturday night, the second annual Capital Queer Prom takes over the **ALMAS SHRINE TEMPLE**, the exotic-looking Masonic lodge on K Street. Guests get the whole high school experience — dancing to DJ Ri-Mix, heavy hors d'oeuvres, prom photos — plus the one thing that might have made our high school proms better: a cash bar. To make for an even more memo-

rable night, the \$50 tickets include discounted limo service (optional) and discounts on a pre-prom dinner at Grillfish, as well as admission to an after-party at Town. Proceeds from this event benefit the Wanda's Will Project, which encourages the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities to create living wills. Tickets must be purchased by 11:59 p.m. on Friday.

Man, it's getting closer and closer to St. Patrick's Day. We wish we could find a way to keep the date of this holiday from drawing near — maybe setting up obstacles like Grover in the Sesame Street classic Golden Book "The Monster at the End of This Book" — but it's to no avail. Green season kicks off on Saturday with the annual Leprechaun Lap bar crawl around Dupont Circle and midtown. Register at **MACKEY'S** between 1 and 6 p.m., then go off to 10 other bars for \$2 Miller Lites, \$3.50 Sparks and food specials until 9 p.m. (**PORTER'S**, **THE BLACK ROOSTER**, **JAMES HOBAN'S** and **THE FRONT PAGE** are among the participants.) The evening wraps up with DJs, dancing and drink specials at **STEVE'S BAR ROOM** from 9 p.m. on. Admission to all the bars is \$10 if you bring two cans of food for local charity Manna Food Center and \$13 if you don't.

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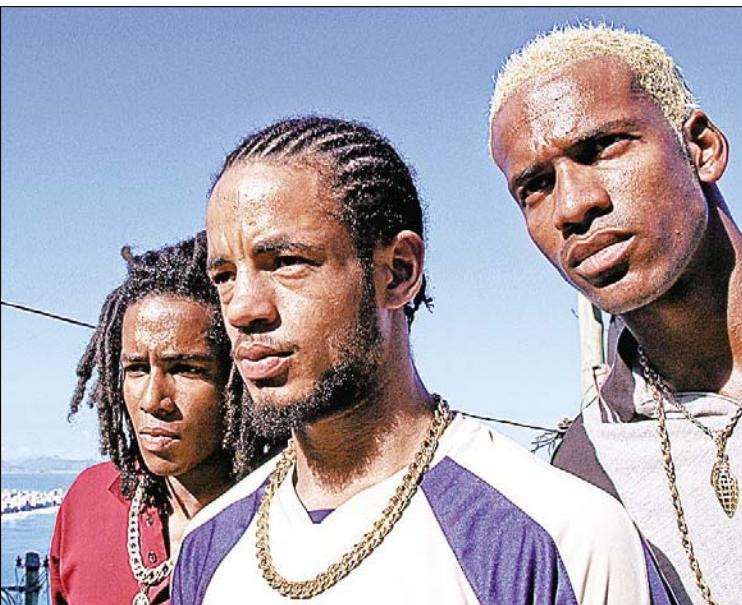
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LIVING TO SURVIVE: Violence is law in "City of Men," the sequel to "City of God."

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ATONEMENT (R, 123 minutes) This film version of Ian McEwan's 2002 novel has achieved that to which every literary adaptation should aspire. It's 1935, and the Tallises have gathered for a quiet summer weekend. When Briony observes her beautiful sister, Cecilia (Keira Knightley), suddenly jump into a fountain while the caretaker's son, Robbie (James McAvoy), looks on, Briony doesn't see youthful impetuosity. She sees something forbidden and threatening, which is how she will read and report all that comes later. (AH)

THE BAND'S VISIT (PG-13, 89 minutes) Israeli filmmaker Eran Kolirin's comedy was disqualified as a nominee for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar because it contained too much English. Audiences can see for themselves that this little film was robbed. It begins just as eight men arrive at an unnamed Israeli airport. They're on their way to a performance, but between their Arabic, broken English and nonexistent Hebrew, they wind up in a dusty desert backwater. Kolirin lets scenes unfold with few words and a multitude of gestures, resulting in a small masterpiece of quiet, physical comedy. (AH)

BE KIND REWIND (PG-13, 101 minutes) The films of Michel Gondry aren't for everyone, but viewers who vibe to his playful, cerebral, wildly imaginative sensibility might get a kick out of this story about a New Jersey slacker (Jack Black) who runs afoul of a power plant

and becomes magnetized, unwittingly erases every tape in his neighborhood video store, then records over the tapes with condensed, low-tech reenacted versions of the movies. (AH)

CARMEL (PG, 95 minutes) This movie is set in a Beirut beauty salon where the shop's stylists and mostly female clientele process all of life's most important passages through their hair. Filmgoers are in for a big treat: Writer-director-star Nadine Labaki possesses an astute instinct for restraint that makes this movie smarter and more poignant than the average chick flick. She has surrounded herself with similarly appealing characters, including a Muslim bride with a taboo secret, an aging actress, a tomboyish shampoo expert and a gentle seamstress. (AH)

CHARLIE BARTLETT (R, 97 minutes) Charlie (Anton Yelchin) is a sweet-faced but scheming student whose penchant for bootleg activities keeps getting him thrown out of prep schools. In desperation, his mother enrolls him in a public school where he immediately appoints the school bully to help him become the student body's main rainmaker, the one who procures them various psychotropic meds. He also becomes an in-house shrink, listening to their problems from his office in the restroom. (DT)

CHICAGO 10 (R, 100 minutes) The first great film of 2008 has arrived. The chronicle of the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the notorious trial that followed brings to life one of the sorriest chapters in American cultural and political history. On trial are Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin and Bobby Seale, who with five other activists were arrested on conspiracy charges during the days of outrage and violence that broke out between anti-war demon

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strators and Chicago police outside the convention. (AH)

CITY OF MEN (PG-13, 110 minutes) The ostensible, sort-of sequel to 2002's "City of God" tells a multilayered story coherently, with propulsive action and a naturalistic nod to the fact that so much of the world is a violent place. Wallace (Darlan Cunha) is looking for his father, and no one around wants to help him out. Wallace's BFF, Ace (Douglas Silva), is the father, of a 2-year-old named Clayton (Vitor and Vinicius Oliveira), who provides the audience with a constant source of apprehension. Guns are everywhere, as is a blithe resignation to death. (JA)

DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG-13, 151 minutes) As our tale begins, Maya (Abigail Breslin) is staying with her dad, soon-to-be-divorced Will Hayes (Ryan Reynolds), and she wants to know how he met her mom and why it went wrong. So Will weaves a story that chronicles his history of female trouble, changing the names of the women so Maya doesn't know whom he eventually married. She tries to figure it out as the film goes down memory lane. The filmmakers don't bother to adjust the film to the period with which they're concerned, or orient themselves at all. Of course, it's not the kind of movie concerned with character or verisimilitude. It's about love, dude. And I would have loved had it ended sooner. (JA)

FOOL'S GOLD (PG-13, 112 minutes) This

movie revolves around a quest for the fabled Queen's Dowry, gold and jewels meant to seal a royal marriage, which sank in the Caribbean in 1715. Tess (Kate Hudson) and Ben (Matthew McConaughey) have spent their entire marriage looking for the booty. Tess is a doctoral candidate in something—history? hair extensions?—and has had her life put on hold by Ben's passion for finding the Dowry. So they split up, and immediately get back together when Ben finally finds a substantial clue to what's down there, waiting. (JA)

IN BRUGES (R, 107 minutes) Writer-director Martin McDonagh's first feature film is a dry, wine-dark comedy, powered by Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson, who play two wry Irish hit men named Ray and Ken. The pair find themselves in Bruges, the Flemish port city known for its medieval architecture and bell tower. Ken (Gleeson) is willing to make the best of it. Ray (Farrell), not so much. Ray may be restless, but it's his fault they're here: They have been remanded to Bruges by their boss, Harry (Ralph Fiennes), because when Ray murdered a priest outside a confessional he also put a bullet in the head of a little boy at prayer. (JA)

JUNO (PG-13, 91 minutes) When whip-smart teenager Juno (Ellen Page) becomes pregnant, the unplanned result of a quick liaison with boyfriend Paulie (Michael Cera), she decides to find a home for her baby. She meets a seemingly slick and perfect yuppie cou-

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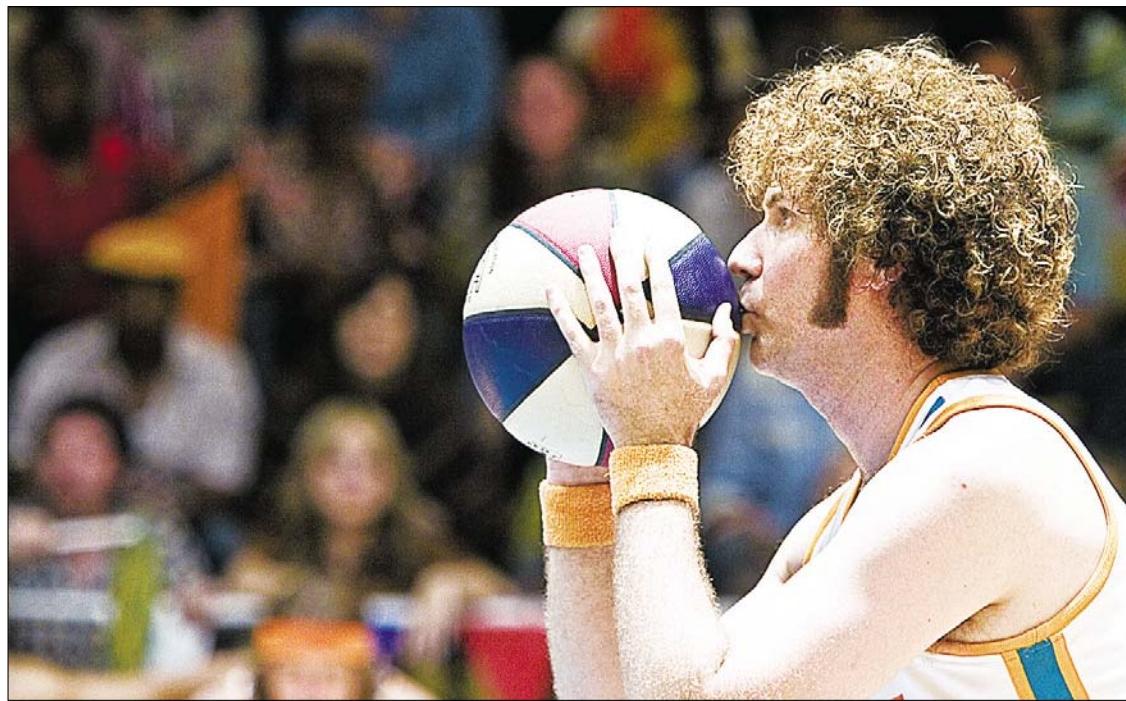
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said their first-born daughter would be born with a pig face; the afflicted heiress (Christina Ricci) could shake off the curse, but only if she were accepted and loved by "one of her own." Anyone willing to tolerate the premise of the story will be paid off by several winning performances and a moral that makes most of the absurdity worthwhile. Penelope's mom (Catherine O'Hara) arranges for a parade of male suitors to call, each of whom wants the dowry but jumps out the window (literally) when he sees Penelope's face. Eager to get the story, a reporter hires dissipated blue-blood Max Campion (James McAvoy) to take Penelope's picture. Things, as they will in such stories, don't quite go according to plan. A story like this provides so many opportunities for snarky comments — about hamminess, or acting "chops," or reaping what you sow, or being the worst movie of the year — but they just won't stick. (DT)



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recent Iranian history. This is good old cel animation, where things are simply drawn and immensely suggestive, and the movie, while no fun, faces hard truths and asks hard questions. (SH)

SEMI-PRO (R, 90 minutes) Someone looking exactly like Will Ferrell appears to be starring in this head-shaker of a comedy in which the actor plays Jackie Moon. Our hesitation to identify him as the genuinely funny star comes after seeing this actor's halfhearted, crude and only occasionally amusing performance. As the player, coach and owner of the Flint, Mich., Tropics, a team in the American Basketball Association, he's meant to be a comical sign of his times. But his 'fro, sweatband and tight pants are cosmetic affectations more than comic applications. The movie's R-rated material doesn't suit the Ferrell we have come to appreciate. That Ferrell brings a sort of bird-just-born innocence to his roles. He is a perpetual child who portrays an irrepressibly funny personality forever trying to come to grips with a complex world. André Benjamin, Woody Harrelson, Maura Tierney and David Koechner seem amazingly zombie-

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like here. (DT)

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG, 97 minutes) This movie, based on a best-selling young people's novel, no doubt has been eagerly awaited by the book's fans, who most likely will be pleased by the visualization of the story's otherworldly creatures. But for the uninitiated? It's a bummer. (AH)

STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG-13, 97 minutes) This follow-up to 2006's "Step Up" has a message that slips through, at odds with the movie's blatant insin-

cerity: Youthful physicality is pure and impervious, even when it's framed, choreographed, directed and generally falsified by corporate grown-ups. We groan at the two leading, squeaky-clean performers (Robert Hoffman and Briana Evigan) pretending to be oh so "street" in their designer togs and exchanging "attitude"-laced dialogue that induces unintentional laughter. (DT)

THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R, 158 minutes) Based very loosely on the novel "Oil!" by Upton Sinclair, this film stars Daniel Day-Lewis as a miner named Daniel Plainview, who while digging for gold and silver in Southern California in the late 1890s discovers oil. The movie traces his rise as

an independent oilman, his fight with Standard Oil, his relationship with his adopted son and his feud with an ambitious young preacher. It is a masterful cinematic achievement, and it's another astonishing performance from Day-Lewis, who in the film's silent opening moments even breathes with eerie authenticity. (AH)

U23D (G, 85 minutes) The first digital 3-D, multi-camera production of a live event, this film captures the band U2 at its finest during the last leg of its "Vertigo" tour of South America in 2006. With 3-D digital images and surround sound that make you feel as though you're literally poking your head into another world. (DT)

VANTAGE POINT (PG-13, 90 minutes) The president of the United States (William Hurt) has come to Spain to make an announcement about the war on terror. Shots are fired. And then a huge explosion occurs in a city square, killing virtually no one — no one with a name in the credits, anyway — which allows the director to rewind the story's first 23 minutes and lay out the same scenario from a different point of view. And to do this multiple times. (JA)

WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG-13, 113 minutes) Martin Lawrence plays a narcissistic talk show host begrudgingly attending a family reunion and running afoul of country kin, old flames and

a nasty rival. The latter would be Clyde (Cedric the Entertainer), a cousin-cum-adopted-brother who beat him in everything as a kid and even stole his sweetheart. For Lawrence, this movie is the comedic equivalent of shooting catfish in a barrel. Lawrence just builds an ensemble of recognizably clichéd archetypes, each more hackneyed than the next, and simply reacts amusingly to them. (DT)

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BODY SLAM! Snoop Dogg, John Legend and actress Raven-Symone will be involved in World Wrestling Entertainment's annual WrestleMania XXIV extravaganza. The March 30 pay-per-view event will be at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

YEE HAW!

A winner emerges on **GONE COUNTRY** (8 p.m., CMT, Fri.).

BUMPS AND BRUISES

House returns after recovering from gunshot wounds on **HOUSE** (9 p.m., Fox, Fri.).

'I WAS PREACHING!'

Scheduled on two episodes of **20/20** (ABC, Fri.): medical mysteries (9 p.m.); suspicions fall on a popular preacher after the alleged suicide of his wife (10 p.m.).

WOMEN WITH LEATHER PANTS

On season three of **THE ULTIMATE COYOTE**

UGLY SEARCH

(9 p.m., CMT, Fri.), Coyote Ugly owner and franchiser Liliana Lovell tells her busload of wannabes that while they entered the contest as girls, they "will leave here as women."

THE FOG OF COLD WAR

Male bonding looms large as a Colorado high school football squad fights off a Soviet-Cuban invasion in the 1984 fantasy **RED DAWN** (10:15 p.m., AMC, Fri.).

HANKS AND HUCK

Tom Hanks and Mike Huckabee appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS, Fri.).



ROSE'S PICKS

Rose McGowan ("Grindhouse" and "Charmed") co-hosts the film series "The Essentials" (8 p.m., TCM, Sat.) with Robert Osborne. Her first choice is a true classic, director Billy Wilder's dark 1960 white-collar comedy **THE APARTMENT**, starring Jack Lemmon, Fred MacMurray and Shirley MacLaine.

HANKS, NO HUCK

Tom Hanks plays a Depression-era hit man in the 2002 comic-book-inspired drama **ROAD TO PERDITION** (8 p.m., ABC, Sat.), co-starring Paul Newman and Jude Law.

JUST LIKE LAUGHTER!

Chaos proves contagious on **TORCHWOOD** (9 p.m., BBC America, Sat.).

PRINCESS NEXT DOOR

Amy Adams hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guest Vampire Weekend.

SHOCKING PLOTLINE

Homer deviates from his diet on **THE SIMPSONS** (8 p.m., Fox, Sun.).

YOU MIGHT MISS THIS

AFTERMATH: POPULATION ZERO (8 p.m., National Geographic, Sun.) is the second recent documentary to contemplate life after humans.

TOO LATE!

Carcetti tries to limit the damage on the series finale of **THE WIRE** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

MESSY MURDERER

A killer leaves a trail of limbs on **DEXTER** (10 p.m., CBS, Sun.).

MEN IN TREES

TV's love affair with hardworking guys continues with **AX MEN** (10 p.m., History, Sun.). The genre that began with "Deadliest Catch" on Discovery and spread to "Ice Road Truckers" now finds itself deep in the emerald woods of



TOOL TIME! Watch tough dudes use chain saws and the like on "Ax Men."

Washington state, where woodsmen try to wrestle a living from the logs.

METH BY THE FIRE

Walt grows accustomed to his new life on the season finale of **BREAKING BAD** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.). KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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WDCA (20)	Judge Judy (N) O	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	* "The Mod Squad" (1999, Drama) Claire Danes, Giovanni Ribisi.	King of the Hill O	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Sex and the City	
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	The Everly Brothers Reunion Concert O	The Clash Live: Revolution Rock O CC	Rip the Runway '08 CC	Rip the Runway '08 CC	Rip the Runway '08 CC	Malcolm & Eddie	Malcolm & Eddie	Malcolm & Eddie	Viewer Favorites	
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Bill Moyers Journal "Buying the War" O CC	Bill Moyers Journal "Buying the War" O CC	The 700 Club CC	The 700 Club CC	The 700 Club CC	The 700 Club CC	
WHUT (32)	White House	Tavis Smiley O	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	To the Contrary	History Detectives O CC	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley O	Charlie Rose (N) O CC	Charlie Rose (N) O CC	Charlie Rose (N) O CC	
WDCW (50)	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) O CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	
BASIC CABLE													
A&E	Cold Case Files CC	CSI: Miami "The Best Defense" CC	CSI: Miami "Deviant" O CC	CSI: Miami "Collision" O CC	CSI: Miami "Double Jeopardy" CC	CSI: Miami "Kill Switch" O CC	CSI: Miami "Kill Switch" O CC	CSI: Miami "Kill Switch" O CC	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC	The Hippo: Africa's King of the River	The Hippo: Africa's King of the River	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)	Hell Date Special	★ ★ "Soul Plane" (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold, CC	Real Housewives of NYC	★ ★ "Mickey Blue Eyes" (1999) Hugh Grant, James Caan. Premiere. CC	Malcolm & Eddie	Malcolm & Eddie	Malcolm & Eddie	Bravo	Make Me a Supermodel CC	Scrubbs O CC	Scrubbs O CC	
Comedy	5:00 * "Juwanne Mann" (2002)	Scrubbs O CC	Scrubbs O CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama CC	Futurama CC	Futurama CC	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC	Cops O CC	Cops O CC	
Discovery	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab CC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Man vs. Wild "Mexico" CC	Man vs. Wild Arctic conditions.	Storm Chasers CC	Storm Chasers CC	DISCH	Code Blue "Witching Hour" CC	Trauma: Life in the ER "Trial by Fire"	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	
Disney	The Suite Life	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	★ ★ "Lilo & Stitch" (2002) Voices of Daveigh Chase.	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	E!	Wild Cop Show	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	
FX	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★ ★ "Home Alone" (1990, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci.	Hip Hop Wives: Hollywood Story	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	The Soup (N)	The Soup (N)	HGTV	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	★ ★ "Home Alone" (1990, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci.	
History	Dogfights "P-51 Mustang" CC	Modern Marvels: Racetrack Tech	Modern Marvels: Saws CC	Battle 360 "Call to Duty" CC	Battle 360 "Vengeance at Midway" (N)	Dogfights "Death of the Luftwaffe" (N)	Dogfights "Death of the Luftwaffe" (N)	Dogfights "Death of the Luftwaffe" (N)	Lifetime	Reba "Go Far" O	Reba O CC	Still Standing O	
MTV	America's Best Dance Crew	America's Best Dance Crew	That's Amore O	Real World -- Road Rules Challenge	Jackassworld Takeover	Jackassworld Takeover	Jackassworld Takeover	Jackassworld Takeover	NICK	iCarly O CC	iCarly O CC	SpongeBob	
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Crossroads" CC	Stargate SG-1 The team intervenes.	Chuck "Chuck Versus the Sandworm"	Stargate Atlantis "The Kindred"	Stargate Atlantis "The Last Man" O	(.01) Stargate SG-1 "Zero Hour" O	(.01) Stargate SG-1 "Zero Hour" O	(.01) Stargate SG-1 "Zero Hour" O	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	
TBS	Friends O CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	★ ★ "Kicking & Screaming" (2005, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Robert Duvall, CC	World's Most Dangerous Animals	World's Most Amazing Videos (N) O	Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol	Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	Take Home Chef	
TNT	Law & Order "Refuge" CC (DVS)	Law & Order "Refuge" CC (DVS)	★ ★ ★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. CC	What Not to Wear "Dottie" (N) CC	10 Years Younger (N)	★ ★ "The Perfect Man" (2005) Hilary Duff. Premiere.	★ ★ "The Perfect Man" (2005) Hilary Duff. Premiere.	★ ★ "The Perfect Man" (2005) Hilary Duff. Premiere.	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	Monk	Monk suspects a dentist. CC	
VH1	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew O	Best Week Ever	Free Radio O	Rock of Love With Bret Michaels O	Rock of Love With Bret Michaels O	Rock of Love With Bret Michaels O	TELEM	Los Plateados	Noti-Telemundo	12 Corazones	
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SPORTS													
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC	NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics. From TD Banknorth Garden in Boston. CC	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Denver Nuggets.					ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Rome-Burning	NFL Live CC	
ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Rome-Burning	Strongest Man	World's Strongest Man Competition	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC	SportsCenter (Live) CC	SportsCenter (Live) CC	SportsCenter (Live) CC	CSN	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	
CSN	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Toronto Raptors. From Air Canada Centre in Toronto.	SportsNite CC	SportsNite (Live) CC	Washington Post Live	Washington Post Live	Washington Post Live	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC	CNN Election Center	
FNC	Special Report CC	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor CC	Hannity & Colmes CC	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	MSNBC	Tucker	Hardball CC	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	
MSNBC	AMC	★ ★ "Sniper" (1993, Action) Tom Berenger, Billy Zane, J.T. Walsh. 'R' CC	★ ★ "Volcano" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche. 'PG-13' CC	(15) ★ ★ "Red Dawn" (1984, Action) Patrick Swayze. 'PG-13' CC					TCM	(15) ★ ★ "A Rage to Live" (1965, Drama) Suzanne Pleshette. 'NR'	"A Fistful of Dollars" (1964) Clint Eastwood. 'R'	(45) ★ ★ ★ "For a Few Dollars More" (1965, Western) Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef. 'R' CC	
MOVIES	HBO	(5:30) ★ ★ "First Knight" (1995) Sean Connery. 'PG-13'	Good Shepherd	The Wire "Late Editions" O CC	In Treatment O	In Treatment (N)	Entourage CC	Entourage CC	MAX	(.05) ★ ★ ★ "Fracture" (2007, Suspense) Anthony Hopkins. O 'R'	★ ★ "Top Gun" (1986, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. O 'PG' CC	★ ★ "Smokin' Aces" (2007, Action) Ben Affleck, Andy Garcia. O 'R' CC	
SHOW	SHOW	★ ★ "Pride" (2007, Drama) Terrence Howard, Bernie Mac. iTV. O 'PG' CC	★ ★ "Babel" (2006, Drama) Brad Pitt. Strangers' lives collide on three different continents. 'R'	The L Word "Liquid Heat" (ITV) CC	The L Word "Liquid Heat" (ITV) CC	The L Word "Liquid Heat" (ITV) CC	The L Word "Liquid Heat" (ITV) CC	The L Word "Liquid Heat" (ITV) CC	TMC	★ ★ ★ "Down in the Valley" (2005, Drama) Edward Norton. O 'R' CC	★ ★ "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" (2006) CC	★ ★ "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry. O 'PG-13' CC	★ ★ Hostel (2006)
STARZ!	STARZ!	(5:10) ★ "Tomcats" (2001) 'R' CC	(6:50) ★ ★ ★ "The Mummy" (1999) Brendan Fraser. O 'PG-13' CC	★ ★ "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006) Will Ferrell. CC	"Grindhouse Presents: Planet Terror"	"Grindhouse Presents: Planet Terror"	"Grindhouse Presents: Planet Terror"	"Grindhouse Presents: Planet Terror"	ENCORE	★ ★ "Cars" (2006, Comedy) Voices of Owen Wilson. O 'G' CC	★ ★ "Invincible" (2006) Mark Wahlberg. The story of football's Vince Papale.	(9:50) ★ ★ "Dead Presidents" (1995, Drama) Larenz Tate. O 'R' CC	

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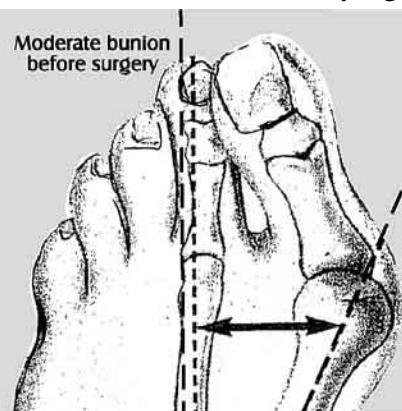
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Pets

U.S. considers adding more species to list of regulated snakes

Owners of pet snakes don't expect a lot of sympathy from outsiders.

So, when headlines like "Feds move to ban pythons and boas" started to show up on message boards and blogs, the hobbyist community caught fire. Hundreds rushed to post messages decrying the possibility of adding pythons and boas to the list of species that it's illegal to import or transport between states.

Snakes are more popular pets than you might believe. An estimated 4.8 million American households own one or more pet reptiles, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.

Although some special expertise is needed, the care of snakes is not time-consuming, and for many who are fascinated by them, it's hard to stop at just one. Some species are even bred for special colors and patterns, like more familiar pets.

The Fish and Wildlife Service says it is just gathering informa-

tion about which species might be of environmental concern at the moment and what the economic impacts might be. No new rules have been proposed. The agency is accepting public comments until April 30, and if any new species end up being proposed to add to the regulated list, another comment period will be held.

The inquiry began after Florida began coping with a growing number of released Burmese pythons.

Snake expert David Barker of Texas says that these snakes, which can grow to 20 feet long and more than 200 pounds, are valuable when they're small and when very large. But in between, at about 8 to 10 feet in length, owners often find that they've become a handful, and are unable to sell them.

"They get irritable — they're teenagers," he says. "You can't get rid of one; you can't give it away."

This can lead irresponsible owners to release their pets into the wild.

Linda Friar of Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Park says the problem there has been increasing: in 1993, they found only about 27 of these snakes, but in 2007 the

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TANGLED UP IN CONTROVERSY: The green tree python is one species that Americans may no longer be able to keep as a pet.

Snake Headache

number was 250, and the educated guess is that "for every one we find, [there] are 10 more."

Officials are concerned about possible effects of these snakes on native species.

Snake enthusiasts like Barker, author of two books and numerous scientific articles, don't discount environmental issues. In

fact, he says he chose to focus on ball pythons back in the 1970s because he expected that they'd eventually need protection by captive breeding.

But it's somewhat understandable that snake owners react strongly to the threat of legislation, given the confusing patchwork of widely varying local and state laws that affect them.

For example, conservation regulations in some states ban the keeping of native species — even individuals bred in captivity — to protect them from being collected from the wild.

This worthy goal means it can be illegal to own, for example, a corn snake, which is a good first pet snake for children. LINDA LOMBARDI (AP)

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Ghost Highway

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TELEVISION

Radical Departures

"American Idol" has bid adieu to '80s week—and four more superstar wannabes have been sent packing after Thursday's results show. Were the right guys and gals offed? Read Greg Barber's analysis and leave a comment with your take. | COMING UP



MUSIC

Native Soul Singer

Alice Smith can sing anything—and does on her soulful debut CD, "For Lovers, Dreamers & Me." The former D.C. resident returns with a concert at the Black Cat on Sunday, and Tony Sclafani spoke to her about fame, go-go and Ledo's pizza. | COMING UP



comment board

“The Democratic

base is so evenly divided that regardless of who wins, lots of people will be disappointed. The smartest thing to do would be to unify."

COMMENTER JESSICA, WHO ADDED, "A CLINTON-OBAMA TICKET IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO BEAT."



If anything, this will make the Democrats stronger. It's clear [that] people are out voting to, hopefully, change the horrible mess the Bush administration has made of this country."

COMMENTER GARY, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WILL THE PROLONGED FIGHT FOR THE NOMINATION HURT THE DEMOCRATS IN NOVEMBER?"

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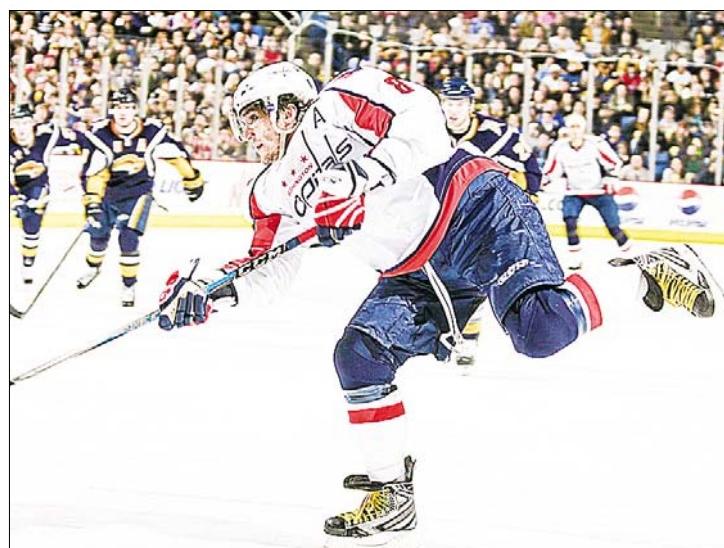
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Discussions

Magician Teller

TELLER, the shorter, silent half of magician team Penn & Teller, was online Thursday to talk about magic, his career and the staging of Macbeth which he is producing at Washington's Folger Theater.



How does your Macbeth differ from all the others? What makes it stand out—effects, acting or both?

Google "Teller Macbeth," and you'll see all the differences. Essentially

we're doing it as a supernatural horror thriller, and it's thrilling instead of glum and droopy.

Do you have any advice for young, struggling magicians just starting out? Also, with all the craziness in your busy schedule, how do you stay sane?

Perform in public as much as possible. That's how you learn. Who says I stay sane? I mean, mostly I just run frantically from one thing I love to another.

Was Harpo Marx one of your childhood idols?

Not at all. I didn't really start to like the Marx Brothers till I was in my 30s and it took me a long time

to get over the cute clownie stuff Harpo sometimes does.

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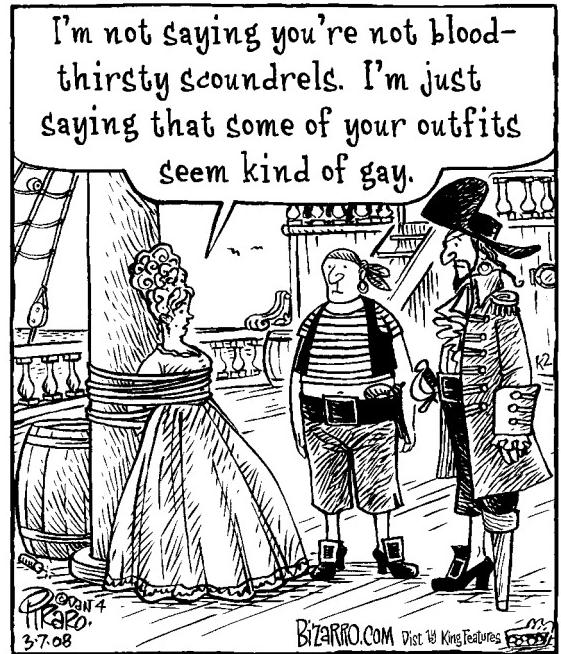
Penn & Teller were on an episode of "The Simpsons" and Teller talked. Were you the voice of Teller?
Yup.

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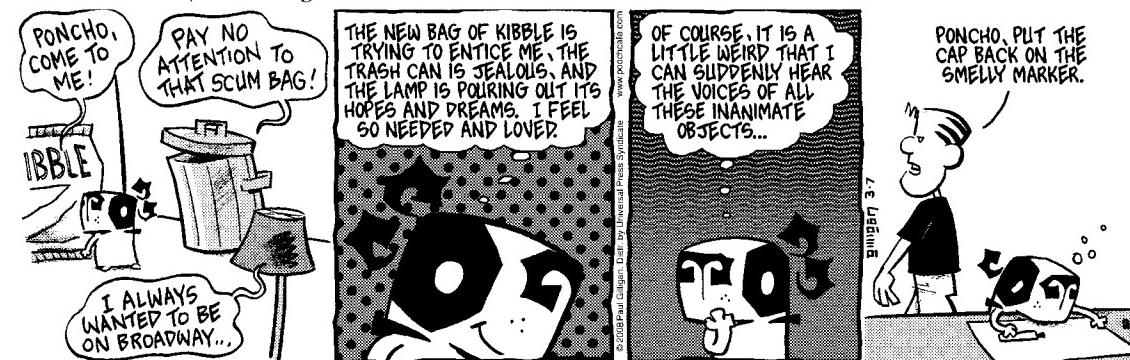
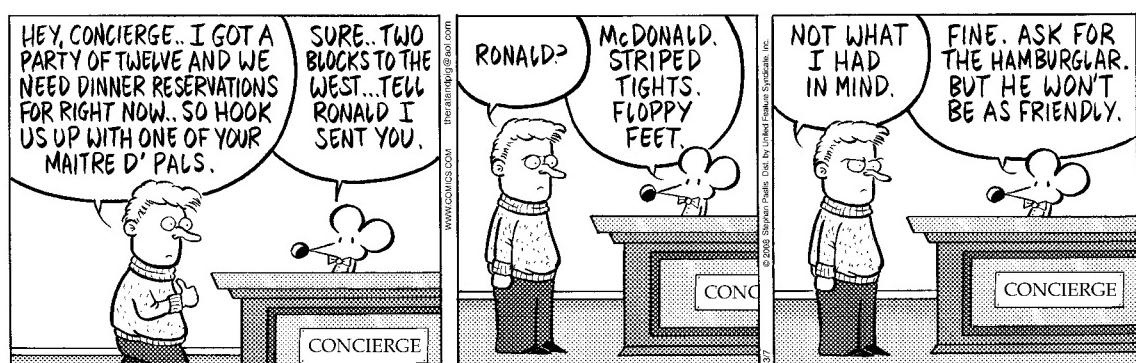
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GET A SUMMER JOB, KIDS. The D.C. Department of Employment Services will be at a citywide job fair at the Washington Convention Center March 11 to register children for Mayor Adrian Fenty's Summer Youth Employment Program from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's free, and preregistration is not required.

LOOK out

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"You've got it. Don't flaunt it. You'll spread it."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) What you say about another must reflect your true feelings, or confusion and self-doubt is likely to ensue. Do your part to maintain honesty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your emotions may be surprisingly near the surface all day long. Don't reveal too much at the wrong time, however.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Early reports have you in the lead at this time, but one of your closest competitors is gaining fast. You'll want the inside track.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It may take you more time than expected to get a certain job completed, but once all details are in place the pace should pick up a little.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Now is the time to set aside a project that just doesn't seem to be paying off. You have several good ideas; feel free to pursue one of them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take an active, physical, even athletic approach to the

day and you'll feel as though your time was well spent all day long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The scenario is likely to illuminate many things that have been lurking in the shadows recently. In reality, you have little to fear.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Nobody knows just how you are feeling, it is true, but a loved one is reaching out. Be willing to let him or her support you even more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This is a good day for you to adopt, quite consciously, a far more positive attitude toward all things. You can influence others for the better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This is a good day to focus on partnerships of all kinds. You may find that circumstances are favoring more in-depth relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Though you're quite used to working long and hard, you may feel the need for a little rest and relaxation, and time alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll have a chance to undo something that you wish you hadn't done yesterday. Not all will be forgotten, but you're likely to be forgiven.

Letters

Dems Need to Join Forces

I'M REALLY TIRED of the Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton attacks ("Clinton Buoyed by Victories," March 6). Sadly, both Democratic candidates have bad mouthed each other so badly that I don't want to

vote for either of them. It's past time for unity within the Democrat Party. It's time for the two to join forces and focus on beating John McCain. One of them needs to humbly step aside and save this presidential election. If the these primaries drag out any longer, Democrats can kiss this election goodbye.

—MERCYLE FARRELL
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1850 In a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorses the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

1876 Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his telephone.

1965 A march by civil rights demonstrators is broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

1975 The Senate revises its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases,



Stanley Kubrick, who directed "2001" and "A Clockwork Orange," died in 1999.

instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

1999 Movie director Stanley Kubrick dies in Hertfordshire, England, at age 70.

Look out

People



And thus did several eardrums shatter.

ACCIDENTS**Just Guilty of Incompetence**

SCOTT WEILAND has pleaded not guilty to driving under the influence of drugs when he crashed his car in November. An attorney entered the plea Wednesday for the Stone Temple Pilots and Velvet Revolver singer. (AP)

AWARDS**Sure, Blame Your Rude Acceptance Speech on Him**

WHOOPY GOLDBERG says Patrick Swayze — who was recently diagnosed with cancer — is the reason she won an Oscar for "Ghost." "When I won my Academy Award, the only person I really thanked was Patrick," Goldberg said Thursday. (AP)



MATTHEW SIMMONS/GETTY IMAGES

OR DOES HE?

Daddy Knows Best

A Los Angeles court commissioner ruled Wednesday that **BRITNEY SPEARS'** father will retain control of the troubled pop star's finances and estate for another five months, until July 31. James Spears was named co-conservator of the pop star's estate after she was hospitalized twice in January. His temporary authority to handle her affairs was set to expire March 10. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Cloudy, afternoon rain



Rain



Rain, a thunderstorm, windy



Partly sunny, wind



Mostly sunny



Partly sunny

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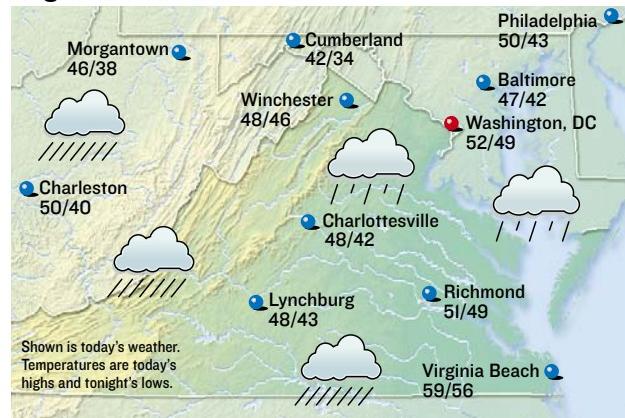
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Regional Weather

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	55°
Low	37°
Normal high	52°
Normal low	35°
Average humidity	49%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.84"
Normal month to date	0.68"
Year to date	6.38"
Last year to date	5.44"
Normal year to date	6.63"

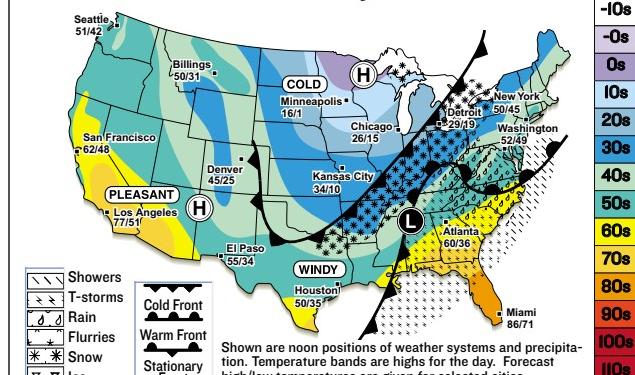
For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, cooler, afternoon rain. High 52. Wind east 7-14 mph. Tonight, rain. Low 49. Wind east 8-16 mph. Saturday, rain, a thunderstorm.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:07 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:22 a.m.
Moonset today	6:24 p.m.

**National Weather for Friday, March 7****National Cities**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	60/36/r	44/31/pc		Amsterdam	46/37/c	48/41/c	
Boston	46/40/pc	50/33/r		Athens	63/48/pc	64/48/s	
Chicago	26/15/sn	25/12/pc		Berlin	48/36/c	50/34/pc	
Dallas	46/29/pc	55/44/s		Buenos Aires	79/61/pc	81/59/pc	
Denver	45/25/c	51/25/pc		Calgary	49/33/pc	38/28/pc	
Honolulu	82/69/sn	82/68/s		Dublin	46/41/c	50/37/r	
Los Angeles	77/51/pc	77/53/pc		Geneva	46/38/pc	48/36/pc	
Miami	86/71/pc	77/52/t		Moscow	34/28/sn	34/25/pc	
New York City	50/45/r	54/35/r		Rome	50/43/r	59/39/pc	
Orlando	83/57/t	65/41/pc		Sydney	74/63/pc	76/62/pc	
Seattle	51/42/pc	52/39/c		Tokyo	51/37/pc	54/39/s	

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



Bai: queen of the cheap clip-in hair extension.

ed by her attorney, she agreed Wednesday to plead guilty to disturbing the peace and to pay a fine and penalties totaling \$700. In a message posted on her blog, however, the actress proclaimed "I am innocent" below a photo of herself giving the thumbs-up signal. (AP)



He's been jailed for nearly a year while caught between the two states. Francis has made millions selling videos of often inebriated women exposing themselves. (AP)



"My little chin beard makes me look 40."

Puzzles | Lookout

CROSSWORD | END RESULTS

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| 15 Blow one's top | 49 One is dynamic |
| 16 You might get
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| 17 Domingo, for one | 51 Series of events
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| 19 Willing to face
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| 20 Idea that a
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| 39 Undefined | 3 Bygone deliverers |
| 40 Biblical | 4 Tilts or slants |

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- DOWN**

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 - 3 Bygone deliverers
 - 4 Tilts or slants
 - 5 whole
 - 36 Clearly in good health
 - 37 Ninny
 - 38 Time Warner

SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

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A crossword puzzle grid with blacked-out squares. The grid contains the following numbered entries:

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EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER

CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD

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Yesterday's Solution

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8	5	2	1	9	7	6	4	3
7	3	6	8	4	2	5	9	1
2	1	8	9	7	6	3	5	4
6	7	3	5	1	4	9	2	8
4	9	5	2	3	8	1	6	7

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Need more Sudoku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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the sock hop? Flirt
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MARGE ELV/EXPRESS

face time

Jodi Picoult is flustered. Her kids are sick, her geese are laying and she has a book tour looming ahead. Yet one would never know it if she hadn't fessed up. The author, 41, used a rare spare moment to chat about her new novel, "Change of Heart," in which a convicted killer wants to donate his heart to a sick child.

How did you come up with the concept for this book?

It grew out of something that's been needling me. I feel our whole country could be cut in half on the fault line of religion. I really wanted to ask why organized religion has become so divisive. I was also thinking about the death penalty, because that, to me, is one of the systems in America that always sticks out like a sore thumb. Combining those two is where I came up with the idea — the idea that maybe a man on death row might be imagined to be a savior.

Are you already thinking about your next book?

It's called "Handle With Care," and it's finished. It's about wrongful birth suits in America.

You place such focus on detail in your writing. Does that correspond to other parts of your life?

My house is such a sty that it's an embarrassment, to tell you the truth. People come into my office and they're, like, "Let's photograph you working in your office," and then they go upstairs and go, "Maybe there's another place we can photograph you." I gave up on my kids, who are teenagers. The truth is, it's not that bad. We don't have rats running around on the floor.

So, you live on a farm?

We live on 13 acres and have a beautiful timber frame barn [that my husband] built by hand. We had big excitement this weekend because he discovered the geese were lay-



LEVISON

Jodi Picoult

AUTHOR, MOTHER, GEESE AND DONKEY OWNER

ing eggs! We don't even know if we have a male and female goose; we have no idea what's going on.

And you have donkeys?

We do; they're very sweet.

What's it like being married to an antiques dealer?

What's terrific about it is that we've become a foster home for antiques.

So, if he brings something home and I like it, it lives with us until we find something better, and then it moves on and is sold.

Have you snagged anything?

We have this piece in our sitting room — it's a really interesting piece that has these beveled glass panels in it. It looks a little pregnant; it's almost got, like, this bar-

"What's terrific is that we've become a foster home for antiques."

rel shape to it with these beautiful Queen Anne feet and a swinging door in the front. We store whiskey and our shot glasses in there. At the top of it is a tea tray that comes right off. I've never seen anything like it.

You have three D.C.-area stops this month. Do you know the city well?

I'm not that familiar with it. What cracks me up is that people who come in from Virginia and the people who come in from Maryland won't cross over. Which is why you have to do so many stops! God forbid you only do a Virginia stop, because people in Maryland will not be able to get there somehow — which I think is really cute.

KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)



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IN THE POST TODAY



Make a Date!

In today's Weekend section, discover five sure ways to mix, mingle and make a connection.

Also in Weekend:

What's fun? What's free? What's a cheap dinner? What's good at the movies and on DVD?

Great weekends start with the Weekend section. Get it today!

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If you don't get it, you don't get it.



Hepcat Cravats

LEAVE THE PAISLEY PRINTS and rep stripes to the lobbyists. Motifs like ravens, exhaust pipes and the Masons' creepy-cool All-Knowing eye (both pictured) headline on Cyberoptix's rad-yet-wearable ties (\$40, [Redeem](#), 1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447). The hand silk-screened neck stars would rock with a shirt in the spotlight at the Black Cat or with a blazer at the office.



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Soft, Servile And Smart

CHUMBY IS CUTE. It's the size of a mug and has no mouse or keyboard, which makes it different from a small computer. It does lots of computer stuff, though, like playing Internet radio and podcasts, streaming sports info and providing the weather. Yet it looks like a cuddly alarm clock. And it costs only \$180 at [Chumby.com](#).



Grab Bag



5

Youth as We Love It

THE PROBLEM WITH MOST THINGS that make you look young is that the things themselves look so old. Heavy packaging, suffocating floral scents, greasy goop. That's why Bliss' The Youth As We Know It (\$262 for full set, individual products \$28-\$79, [Blissworld.com](#)) has solidly landed on our Best of 2008 list. It looks young—the containers are deceptively light. It smells young—like grapefruit and orange Creamsicles. And it works (non-greasely), restoring a healthy glow to dull, tired skin.

3 State of the Coronation

WEARING A TIARA around tends to get one branded as either a bitter beauty-pageant contestant or a drag queen. Plopping a slightly too-big-for-normal-noggins iron crown (\$39, [Wisteria.com](#)) in the garden (around some pansies) or on the coffee table (atop some big books) just looks regal, in an "oh, Queen Elizabeth gave this to me last time she came over for Earl Grey and crumpets" way.

An Indian Stunner

EVEN THE dreariest red-eye could look brighter if you carry one of Rising Tide Fair Trade's colorful bags (\$220, [Rtfairtrade.com](#)). Made of candy-hued vintage Indian quilt fabric and brown suede, the totes are crafted by a fair-trade women's co-op in Bengal. They'll fit enough clothes for a weekend, though not a jaunt to Jaipur.

4

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBUGGER

Last fall, after eight years as a stay-at-home mom, I finally went back to work as a college teacher. I now realize that I have nothing to wear on my feet when the weather gets warm except a pair of old Tevas. Please help me. — CATHY

■ Manolo says, ayyyy! The shock of the returning-to-work mother! One minute you are in your kitchen wearing the sweatshirt covered with peanut butter and squeezable yogurt, and



the next you're standing before your class having just threatened the disruptive student with the "mother of all time-outs, young man!"

But fear not, your experience as the parent will be useful. For, after all, explaining why the sky is blue to your 3-year-old is only slightly less difficult than getting the hulking All-American nose tackle to understand the three stages of the Hegelian dialectical process.

Of course, first you need the shoes suitable to your new and intimidating station as the professor of useful knowledge. Shoes that say, "pay attention to me, for I am bringing you information that will enrich your life."

Here is the Gloria, the sand-colored patent leather slingback from Cole Haan (\$189, [Zappos.com](#)); the perfect combination of comfort and style.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Ashley wears a color-bar cotton skirt (\$98, [Anthropologie.com](#)). Photo by Marge Ely.

Styles | fashion

Ruler of 'Runway'

Sassy, skilled and so young, Siriano is now fashion's future

The blog Fashion Rungay may have given him the nickname "Princess Puffysleeves," but on Wednesday night, flounce-loving, skinny pant-producing, unabashedly fierce designer Christian Siriano also snagged the title of "Project Runway" season 4 champion — and the youngest winner ever to boot. The 22-year-old Annapolis native gave us the skinny on his designs and future plans while reveling in his victory.

What's the next step in your plan to conquer fashion?

Well, I've been keeping busy. I'm off to Los Angeles to meet with Victoria Beckham — I've made a couple of dresses for her. There are so many things going on. I'm working on getting sponsors, and I want to show next season and have an amazing spring collection.

So, Victoria really did call you?

So far, it's been a lot of back and forth with her assistant. But after the show, she told me, "I want anything you do." She's fabulous. I couldn't have asked for anyone better. It helps that she's from London

and that she's "Posh," because that's also a term for "elegant" that people use all day long. And she is.

And are you going to keep sleeping on the floor in that cubby hole of a room?

No, ma'am! As soon as that check is in my bank account, there will be a bed in my room, and I'll get a studio. I turned my whole room into a studio, and there are two dress forms and tons of fabric. It's crowded. And I do sleep on a mattress, not the floor, but it's embarrassing.

Did you emerge from the womb fashionable?

When I was younger, I was into ballet and musical theater, and that brought the dramatic out.

Then, when I worked at the salon in high school, that's where the fashion came in.

How would you describe your personal style?

Obviously, I'm that downtown city boy with a British punk thing. People have said I have a little Duran Duran. I love a skinny jean. And I like to wear color, even though I don't design with it a lot.

Favorite piece in your wardrobe?

I have a couple of favorites. My pony-skin cowboy boots I will love forever. I have sneakers with gold studs on them. They're awesome. I love my red skinny jeans. I wear four pairs of jeans all the time.



do such a show. If my jackets were in color, they would be horrendous. It would be over-the-top and clownish. I actually think that's why Rami didn't do as well — fuchsia? Color can be just as not-wearable as a design. But this was just for one season. The next one will be filled with color and patterns.

"I hate my hair. It's an Afro-dite. It's wavy and frizzy and not cute."

Speaking of patterns, what are your tattoos of?

The top one is an octopus and the bottom one is a squid. They're my tribute to Maryland and the water. Marine life is fantasy to me.

Will we be seeing you back in Maryland, or maybe even in D.C.?

I was just home to do an event in Baltimore. But I love the parties, and so I'll be in D.C. Honestly, not to be a cheesy gay, but Town is such a fun spot. And Be Bar — I might do an event there.

And I have to ask about the hair.

What is it like in its natural state?

It's an Afro-dite [as in Aphrodite]. It's wavy and frizzy and not cute. I hate my hair. It takes me about 20 minutes — 15 if I really have to go. The flatiron really makes a difference, and I use Air Control hair spray by Aveda and Cibu Sticky Rice, which is a Bubbles product.

What if there were a fire and your hair wasn't done?

I would find a hat. And if I couldn't find one, I would make a hat.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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SOMEWHERE BETWEEN CLASSY AND THE CLASH, NAILHEAD TRIM ADDS A LITTLE FLASH AND EDGE TO UPHOLSTERY AND ACCESSORIES.

1 | Chair Hardware

The femme mystique of pink velvet and curvy legs gets toned down by hand-applied nickel nailheads on Crate & Barrel's whimsical chair. It'd add a bit of "La Vie en Rose" glam to a boudoir or living room. (\$900, Crateandbarrel.com)

2 | Hollywood Not-So-Square

Upholstered in gray microsuede, Jonathan Adler's octagon-shaped mirror wears its studded trim like a 1960s bad girl. A little bit tough, a little bit pretty, it'd shine over a lacquered dresser. (\$395, Jonathanadler.com)

3 | Shades of Black

Black leather meets polished nickel dots on Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams' boxy, punky lamp. It'd look unexpected and rad in an all-white room or sitting beside a print-covered sofa. (\$350, 1526 14th St. NW, 202-332-3433)

4 | Bling on a Drum

Martinis, feet or nuked Lean Cuisines all look a little better resting on Lee Industries' taupe, faux suede-covered stool-cum-end table. (\$431, Urban Country, 7801 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-654-0500)

mixed media



CHRISTIE MATHESON

BOOKS

A Life Less Carbony

Buy vintage tables and chairs, not plastic McFurniture from Ikea. Use cloth napkins, not paper ones, at dinner parties, already. Many of the Earth-friendly home and fashion tips in Christie Matheson's **GREEN CHIC: SAVING THE PLANET IN STYLE** (\$13, Sourcebooks) may not seem new to seasoned eco-warriors. But this organized, well-written little paperback does a nice job outlining how to tread lightly on Mama Earth without sleeping on burlap mats in a yurt. Some surprising a-ha! moments (A Prius full of crap is less fuel efficient! Wall-to-wall carpet emits scary toxins!) mean green experts won't throw the thing down in know-it-all disgust. But it may be most illuminating to dolts still drinking out of plastic water bottles as they drive their Hummers to "Save the Bay" rallies. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

Ruff Green Guide

The publishing industry seems to produce a how-to book for every niche market on the planet. Coming soon: "Chicken Soup for the Obama Supporter's Soul" and "Mensa for Dummies." For now, Corbett Marshall and Jim Deskevich's **GREEN DOG: HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR PET** (\$17, Chronicle) is aimed at Fido-lovers with too much time (and eco-guilt) on their paws. The book offers advice on organic dog food and cleaning up accidents with green products. Some of the crafty projects seem a tad bizarre — a pooch bed made of old jeans and lavender sachets to repel ticks. But Mister Snuffles will probably snarf down homemade beef liver jerky and treats made with organic baby food and wheat germ. J.B.

You've Got Nails

Bang, bang, bang! That hammering isn't your neighbor hanging a painting on the wall — it's the sound of the design world going nuts for nailhead trim. Edgy yet elegant, such metal rounds were popular on 18th-century chairs. Later, punkers rocked similar studs on belts and collars. Think of today's crop of shiny dots — which decorate mirrors, beds and more — as bling for the home. And you don't even need to open a tool chest to be riveted. JANET BENNETT

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1 Garden Clubbing

The housewife goes haute couture on a cotton frock by D&G (\$595, Eluxury.com). The poppy print and ruffle trim make this number more Sophia Loren than "Leave It to Beaver," meaning it's an ideal get-up for an outdoor wedding or fancy Sunday brunch. The style works especially well for curvier gals, thanks to wide straps and a square neckline. (Model's own shoes.)

2 Brush Stoked

Subtle paint smears give a luxurious silk stunner (\$265, Reiss, 1254 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-944-8565) a Bohemian, meet-me-in-Greenwich Village vibe. Its ideal cocktail bash dates? An elegant blouse (tucked in, please) and patent leather Christian Laboutin pumps. (\$520, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tysons Galleria; 703-761-0700)

3 Geometry

An attention-getting print (Elie Tahari's time-tested Galleria) into a fashion-and Jimmy Choo heels (new millennium).



Classic

— Are those fractals? Kites on acid? — turns silhouette (\$298, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tysons) inward, vaguely 1980s hit. A crisp white blouse (\$85, Saks Fifth Avenue) zap the look into the

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Eyelet Be There

Don't confuse "ladylike" with "old lady." Susana Monaco puts a youthful spin on the full trend via a strapless eyelet empire swing dress (\$311, Urban Chic, 1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398). Wear it as shown, with trendy leggings and sky-high pumps (model's own). Or pull it down and add a tee, and it morphs into a calf-grazing skirt.

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—WILL LAWRY, REISS

THE FULL STORY

Pencil skirts may soon be erased from your closet, what with the pumped-up volume of spring's ladylike skirts. The twirl-worthy full shapes recall the days of sock hops and sweater sets. But this time, styles are sweet and sexy, not Donna Reed demure. "The look and silhouette is a little more relaxed," says Will Lawry, manager of Georgetown's Reiss. "It goes back to the style of women like Audrey Hepburn; girls being girls." The most modern full skirts tend to be shorter and silkier than their Eisenhower-era counterparts. To keep all that fabric from overwhelming your bod, pair a bell-shaped beauty with a slim-fit top and structured belt. Chunky-heeled shoes will not only look right with a swingy skirt — they'll also be comfy when the inevitable urge to get up and dance hits. ASHLEY JOY PARKER

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Hardly Trivial Pursuits

Break out the board games for a nostalgic get-together

"In dollars," announces Satish Pillalamarri, 29, over the din of Silver Spring's Mayorga Coffee Factory, "how much did a Washington, D.C. judge sue a local dry cleaner for a lost pair of pants?"

Conspiratorial whispering commences among the roughly 40 players at Wits & Wagers night (the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.). When all of the guesses are in, Pillalamarri — who invented the game with fellow University of Maryland business school alum Dominic Crapuchettes — writes them on a chalkboard. Each team bets on the answer, which turns out to be \$65 million.

So it goes through the first round of this trivia-and-betting combo, which consistently draws a packed house. "I love that the game night is a very social event where one can meet lots of new people easily and have so much fun doing it," says Mary Halbe, 39, who organized the first event in 2005.

Adults playing board games — in public? Holy Chutes and Ladders! Believe it. While Irish pub trivia nights still rule social gaming, many D.C.-area residents are hedging their bets by hauling out the old-school stuff. And they're moving well beyond Monopoly.

When Bayard Catron started planning game nights in 2001, it usually meant a dozen or so close friends and Trivial Pursuit. But when the 38-year-old took over the Maryland/D.C./Virginia 20s to 40s Boardgames Meetup Group last April, that quickly changed. Each month, he helps a member host a party. When he posts an event on Meetup.com, it fills up in a day. There's even a waiting list.

While Taboo, Cranium and Scattergories are perennial faves, Catron recommends online research to find more unusual titles. Boardgamegeek.com is "a community of game lovers who rate and



FEELING LUCKY: Eric Gordon places a bet for his team at Wits & Wagers night at the Mayorga Coffee Factory in Silver Spring.

Crapuchettes, 38. "If you have eight people, that means 7/8ths of the time you're waiting." And if a game takes more than 30 minutes, folks are likely to lose interest.

Sprawling groups can also kill a party. Wu usually has three or four tables going simultaneously: "There will be one in the living room, two in the basement, and one in the dining room."

Smooth party flow and a relaxed atmosphere will result, putting players at ease when it comes to getting to know that Clue-playing cutie across the board. Wu estimates she's met 100 people, and who knows? A Pictionary partner could become a soul mate.

When Victor Guerrero attended one of Catron's parties last January, the 37-year-old project manager met Lisa Kammerud, 32 — now his girlfriend of one year. "Within 10 minutes of talking to each other, I wanted to play games with her all night long," he says. "We ended up partners for the rest of the night." First there was Cranium and Balderdash, then an exchange of digits.

If the possibility of new pals or newfound love isn't enough to tempt one to play, Catron says there's always nostalgia.

"I think part of the attraction to the tradition of game night is something that starts in childhood," he says. "A lot of us in our 30s and 40s grew up with it. Now that we're on our own, we gravitate towards it because it's something that links us to simpler times."

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For more tips from game-party hosts — including their favorite games — see Readexpress.com.

LET IT ROLL ►► TWO MUST-PLAY OPTIONS

Homegrown Board Games

WITS & WAGERS

Like trivia games but can't remember the number of SUVs sold in the U.S. in 2004? (It's 4,623,960.) W&W isn't about knowing the right answer, but placing bets on it. Once a question is asked, players have 30 seconds to guess. Answers are sorted lowest to highest, then players bet. The farther the guess from the middle answer, the greater the payout—if you're right. (\$30, Northstargames.com)

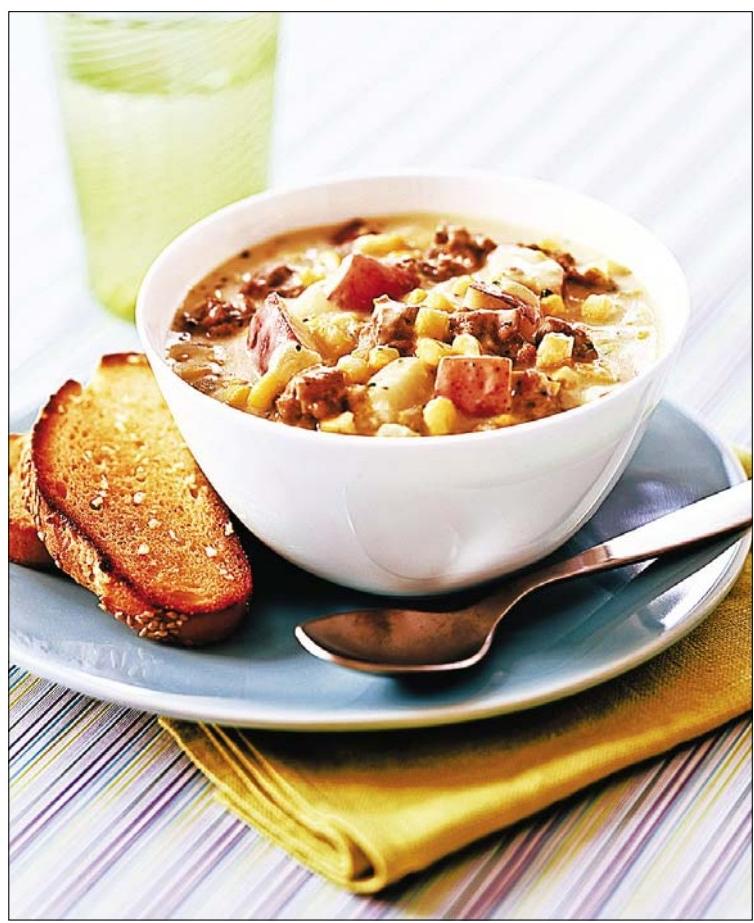


John Sebelius suggests serving candy cigarettes when playing his game.

DON'T DROP THE SOAP

It's Monopoly with a bad boy bent: Instead of a thimble, players choose criminal accoutrements, like a bag of cocaine. And it's from an unexpected, lawful source—John Sebelius, the 23-year-old son of Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Competitors advance from central booking and traverse the infirmary and the shower in a quest to reach a parole hearing. "You can pay to get to a location with smokes," says Sebelius. "You can also challenge another player to arm wrestling." Self-made shivs not included. (\$35, Gilliusinc.com)

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Virtually any ingredient can get into the mix when you're being creative with soup.

Ladle Will Rock

I have some chickpeas that I soaked overnight and cooked with a sliced Meyer lemon for flavor. I'd like to make a soup or stew — other vegetables I have include broccoli, bok choy, peppers, carrots, half a parsnip and some butternut squash. Suggestions?

Free Range On Food

Sounds like you have the makings of a delicious vegetarian stew. I would saute some chopped onion minced and garlic in olive oil, then add the carrots, peppers, parsnip, and butternut squash (all cut into large chunks).

Saute until they start to become tender. Add some spices — How about cumin, turmeric, a little cayenne pepper for heat, maybe some paprika? — and then add

the chickpeas and some broth. Cook until the vegetables are tender and the stew is thickened. Season to taste with salt and pepper, and finish with some chopped cilantro or parsley and maybe a squeeze of lemon juice.

I made a red lentil soup last night, doubling the recipe I usually use. In hindsight, I should not have doubled the liquid (stock and water), because it was too brothy. Any way to thicken a soup like this?

I would puree some of the cooked lentils with some of the cooking liquid and add it back to the soup.

I love to cook and was on a big soup kick before my boyfriend and I broke up. How do I go about making soup for one?

I have a recipe for pastina in chicken broth (it can be found online at washingtonpost.com/food) that serves one. I often make it for myself for lunch. You can also try experimenting with recipes and try cutting the amount of ingredients in half. Freezing is another good option. It's always good to have a well-stocked freezer.

I make a Chinese dumpling soup at home with chicken broth, veggies, ginger, etc. and then add in store-bought dumplings. I thought it would be fun to try and make my own dumplings. Have a recipe?

It couldn't be easier. All you need is store-bought wonton wrappers. Fill them with a mix of chopped chicken or vegetables, a little ginger and scallion and seal the edges with water. Pop them in the soup to cook.

Lighten up by letting coconut milk settle, and then skim off the cream.

When is light coconut milk not OK to substitute for full-fat coconut soup? I'm wondering first about soups like tom gor but also curries and anything else. I know anything will taste less rich and creamy with less fat, but I wonder whether other things maybe won't taste good at all.

You could certainly substitute light coconut milk for regular in any recipe. You are right that they will lose some richness, but if you are making a soup or other dish with other flavorful ingredients, such as in peanut and coconut soup, and butternut squash and coconut soup, you should be OK.

You can also use regular coconut milk but "lighten" it a little by letting it settle in the can and then skimming and discarding the layer of thick coconut cream off the top.

I am always drawn to soup recipes but then am appalled by the sodium content.

The great thing about making soup, as opposed to buying it, is that you can regulate your salt content. Unfortunately (for me), I adore salt and probably use more than I should, so, of course, feel free to adjust the recipes to your liking.

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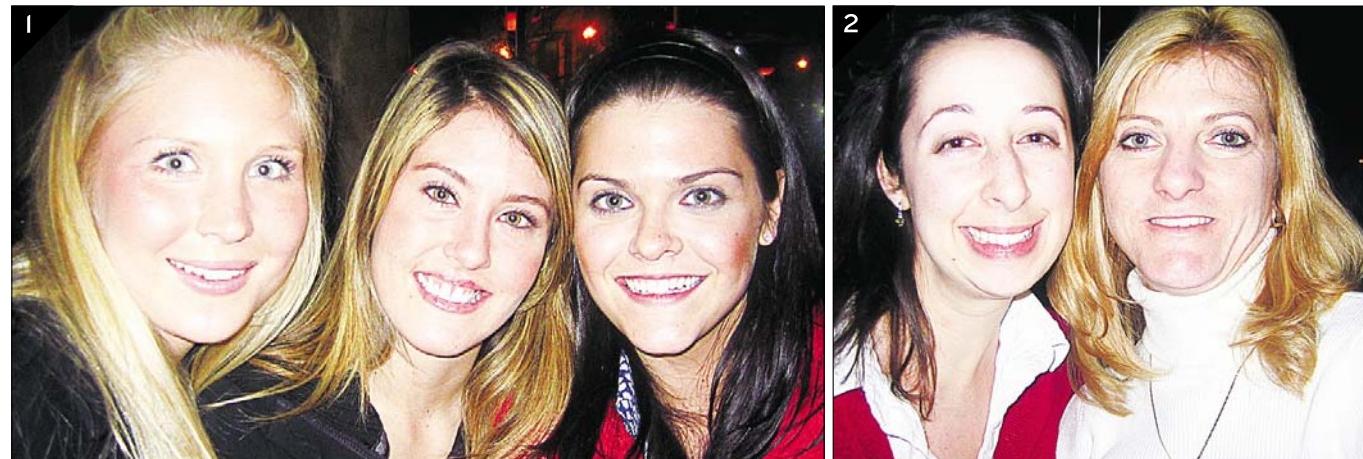
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Q How did you fill your time during the writers' strike?

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1. "The strike didn't affect the Food Network, so I was fine," Gabriel Schultz, left, with Ashley Pollock, center. "I also tried to go the gym more, put in more hours at work," Caitlin Russell. **2.** "A lot of Game Show Network," Vicky Mergen, right, with Jennifer Boon. **3.** "There's so much politics right now, it's like its own reality show," Jorge Highland, right. "Project Runway," Melanie Roe, with Jonathan Miv. **4.** "Making the Band," Erin Lubit, center, with Jeremy Tunis, left. "The Real Housewives of Orange County. It's fabulous," Alex Esser. **5.** "Knitting," Jeff Hahn, with Caryn Marks. **6.** "I put a big dent in my Netflix queue," Mike Cavanagh, left, with Jim Heiberg. **7.** "I caught up on my reruns," Kathleen Pessolano, with Jeff Winmill. **8.** "What writers' strike?" Jim Cole, left. "I had a baby," Cameron Perry. **9.** "A Daily Show with Jon Stewart," Katie O'Leary. **10.** "I rediscovered Nick at Nite. I think I've seen all six seasons of 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air,'" Justin Mularski, left, with Chris Kerns. **BRYN LANSDOWNE**



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* BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



Charles Chitwood, Jessica Zeiler

Charles, 27, is a senior IT support specialist. Jessica, 24, is a marketing and communications coordinator. They live in D.C.

The Main Event: A semiformal ceremony and reception in Norfolk, Va., on April 5. "We are having a Jewish wedding complete with wine-glass smashing, hora dance and a chuppah," says Jessica. "Since Charles is Presbyterian, we can get away with playing 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' during the processional."

How They Met: Theater 101 at the University of Maryland.

First Date: It was a movie double feature by accident. "We met just to see 'About Schmidt,'" says Jessica. "Then I saw 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' was playing afterward, complete with performers." "All in all, a memorable night," says Charles.

How He Proposed: While hiking in Pennsylvania, Jessica decided to climb a tree. "I was hanging upside down when Charles popped the question," she says. "My first thought was, 'OK, let me get down first.' 'I wouldn't let her down until she said yes,' says Charles. "Just kidding."

Stupidest Fight: "The argument was about whether any woman was a Metallica fan," says Charles.

Making It Unique: In lieu of favors, they will make donations to charities they admire, like the Human Rights Campaign and the American Cancer Society.

"As I got to know him, I was more and more intrigued."

Christopher Conkey, Carminia Panlilio

Chris, 33, is a journalist. Carminia, 27, is a management consultant. They live in the District.

The Main Event: A casual beach wedding on April 5 in the Bahamas. "Shoes are discouraged," says Carminia. She will walk down the sandy aisle to tunes played on the violin by a cousin.

How They Met: "I tagged along to a friend's older brother's 30th birthday party at Madam's Organ," says Car-

minia. "The older brother turned out to be Chris."

First Impressions: "He was very cute." "She's ridiculously hot."

First Date: Dinner at El Tamarrindo, followed by the surfing flick "Riding Giants" at

E Street Cinema and a beer at Harry's Tap Room.

How He Proposed: Walking home after dinner, "we stopped in Dupont



Circle," recalls Carminia. "We sat on a bench and then he was on one knee!"

Most Hated Clothing Item: His ratty Tori Amos shirt." Her 'Everyone

loves an Asian girl' T-shirt."

Stupidest Fight: Chris calls it "the lotion fight." "I got mad when he said I smelled after putting on some fancy face lotion," says Carminia.

Their Song: Carminia doesn't think they have one, but she gets nostalgic every time she hears Wilco's "I'm the Man Who Loves You." "He played that song over and over before he got the guts to say 'I love you' for the first time."

When It Hit: "When she didn't get sick of me after a few months," says Chris. "When we shared what we wanted for the future," says Carminia. "Turns out, we both wanted to become beach bums."



Eric Feldman, Dena Wigder

Dena, 27, is a lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign. Eric, 27, is the policy director for the House Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives. They live in the District.

The Main Event: A traditional Jewish wedding and reception in Dallas on March 30. Dena's childhood rabbi will officiate.

Honeymoon: Eric is concerned that Congress will be in session when they head to Hawaii, Dena says. "I plan on hiding his BlackBerry."

How They Met: On Labor Day 2005, both accompanied pals to a workers' rights event. "I noticed a cute guy sitting across the circle," says Dena.

First Date: Dinner at 1789.

How He Proposed: After celebrat-

"I was taken with Dena the first time I met her. I knew there was a chance we'd get married."

ing their anniversary at Woodley Park's Lebanese Taverna, Eric's plans to propose on the Duke Ellington Bridge were nearly foiled when a homebound bus came by. "He insisted we walk instead," says Dena. "I was a little annoyed, as I was wearing heels." But when he got down on one knee, her foot cramps quickly subsided.

Mmmm, Cake: It will be decorated with cherry blossoms to honor D.C.

Pet Names: "I call Dena 'Shortie-Pie' because she is a foot shorter than me," says Eric. "She calls me 'Tall-Pie' when she needs me to reach things."



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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue floral dress and gold jewelry, leans against a dark wooden railing. She is looking over her shoulder at the camera. The background features a wall with several decorative mirrors and a staircase. The overall atmosphere is elegant and sophisticated.

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